

**Fincke, William A. Corps of Engineers, Company C, 142nd
Engineer Combat Battalion**



The BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

is awarded to WILLIAM A. FINCKE, O 527 153, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945 at Frohmuhl, France. Lieutenant Fincke was accompanying his Company Commander on an inspection of a suspected mine area, when the latter stepped upon a Schu-mine, the explosion of which seriously wounded him. Disregarding the danger to himself, Lieutenant Fincke immediately went to the aid of his Commanding Officer and in so doing, tripped another mine, sustaining severe injuries from which he died three days later. Refusing to permit his driver to incur further risk, Lieutenant Fincke ordered him to leave and not to attempt to treat his wounds. The courageous self-sacrifice and outstanding devotion to duty exhibited by Lieutenant Fincke are worthy of the highest praise.

Entered military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.
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