



FLORIDA FRANCE SOLDIER STORIES

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Robert Adam Bohland

1919 – 1945

Private: US Army

756th Tank Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division

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In this ongoing partnership UCF history students conduct research as part of the Florida France Soldier Stories project to assist the dedicated staff at the Memorial Museum of the Liberation of the Colmar Pocket. Our goal is simple yet profound: to help visitors connect not only with the events of the war, but with the individuals who lived them—bridging the distance between past and present and between the US and France.

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FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE City of St. Paul ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 10th DAY OF January 1920

WARD OF CITY 1st Ward SHELTER Gagan ENUMERATOR 64-7

Supervisor's District No. 159 SHEET No. 11

ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 82

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	RACE	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE		OCCUPATION
							Place of Birth	Mother Tongue	
1	John May	Son	1898	M	W	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	none
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46	John May	Son	1898	M	W				

1920 Federal Census

In 1920, the Bohland family lived in St. Paul, MN. Carl, Robert's father, immigrated from Germany and worked as a civil engineer. Hattie, his mother, cared for 9-month-old Robert in their rented home.

En 1920, la famille Bohland vivait à Saint Paul (Minnesota). Carl, le père de Robert, avait émigré d'Allemagne et travaillait comme ingénieur civil. Hattie, sa mère, s'occupait de Robert, âgé de 9 mois, dans leur maison louée.

"1920 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Robert Bohland, Minnesota.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6061/records/47760164?tid=&pid=&queryId=d7ff876c-ee3e-47d1-bebd-bc1ba342194e&usePUBJs=true>

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1930 Federal Census

In 1930, the Bohland family lived on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, MN. Carl, a civil engineer, and Hattie, owned their home, valued at \$5,000, in which they had a new technology, a radio. Robert, 10 years old, attended school. He had 2 younger siblings, Nanette (6) and James (5).

En 1930, la famille Bohland vivait sur Selby Avenue, à Saint Paul (Minnesota). Carl, ingénieur civil, et Hattie étaient propriétaires de leur maison, d'une valeur de \$5 000, et possédaient un appareil dernier cri : une radio. Robert, âgé de 10 ans, allait à l'école. Il avait deux frères et sœurs plus jeunes, Nanette (6 ans) et James (5 ans).

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Robert Bohland, Minnesota.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/78603460?tid=&pid=&queryId=46dd3184-639a-448a-af78-c588db1a8e54&phsrc=UWJ47&phstart=successSource>

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Headstone

In 1935, Robert's mother, Hattie, passed away. She was 47 years old.

En 1935, la mère de Robert, Hattie, est décédée. Elle avait 47 ans.

"Hattie Schwabe Bohland", Photo, *Find A Grave* (FindaGrave.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Hattie Bohland, Minnesota.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/100256203/hattie-bohland>

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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING—NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE
WILL BE RECEIVED
Write plainly with unfading ink—This is a permanent record.
Use one blank for each Marriage

Clerk of Courts to fill this blank

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

County Codington

Registered No. 394

Record of Marriage

{ Where }
{ Solemnized }

Postoffice Watertown, South Dakota

County Codington

Date of Marriage March 6th, 1937
(Month) (Day)

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name	<u>Carl P. Bohland</u>	Name	<u>Laura C Funke</u>
Residence		Residence	
Postoffice	<u>St. Paul, Minn.</u>	Postoffice	<u>St. Paul, Minn.</u>
County	<u>Ramsey</u>	County	<u>Ramsey</u>
Age	<u>legal</u>	Age	<u>legal</u>
Nationality	<u>American</u>	Nationality	<u>American</u>
~~Married~~ Widower ~~Married~~		~~Married~~ Widow ~~Married~~	
Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating <u>Rev. W. S. O' Meara</u>		Official Character <u>A Catholic Priest</u>	

Marriage Record

Robert's father, Carl, married Laura C. Funke in Watertown, SD, on March 6, 1937.

Le père de Robert, Carl, s'est marié avec Laura C. Funke à Watertown (Dakota du Sud), le 6 mars 1937.

"South Dakota, U.S., Marriages, 1905-2024" database, Ancestry (Ancestry.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Carl Bohland.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8561/records/235890?tid=&pid=&queryId=bde59906-f866-436e-8b05-fe0639273d61&phsrc=xzw471&phstart=successSource>

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State Maine Incorporated place Alfred Locally Ward of city 4 Unincorporated place Alfred Locally Division of county Alfred Locally Block 100 Inclusion Alfred Locally

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
SIXTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1940
Enumerated by me on April 12, 1940

POPULATION SCHEDULE

PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER—ENTERTAINMENT STATUS

LOCATION	HOUSEHOLD DATA							NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE, APRIL 1, 1940													PERIODS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER—ENTERTAINMENT STATUS																											
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1940 Federal Census

By 1940, the Bohland family had moved to Albert Lea, MN, where Carl's new wife, Laura, lived. Carl worked as a civil engineer and earned \$3,000 a year. Nanette and James attended high school. 20-year-old Robert lived with his parents. The census reported that he completed 1 year of high school, though this may have been an error as other documents indicate he was in college at this point.

En 1940, la famille Bohland s'était installée à Albert Lea (Minnesota), où vivait Laura, la nouvelle épouse de Carl. Carl travaillait comme ingénieur civil et gagnait 3 000 \$ par an. Nanette et James fréquentaient le lycée. Robert, âgé de 20 ans, vivait chez ses parents. Selon le recensement, il avait terminé sa première année de lycée, mais il s'agit peut-être d'une erreur, car d'autres documents indiquent qu'il était à l'université à cette époque.

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Robert Bohland, Minnesota.

<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2442/images/m-t0627-01922-00238?pld=96837157>

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Inducted USA 6-8-44 Decreed 2-'45

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)			ORDER NUMBER
739	Robert	Adam	Bohland	3739
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	
2. ADDRESS (Print) 1520 N. Hamline Ave St Paul (4)				
701 Minnesota Ave. Albert Lea, Freeborn, Minn.				
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS		5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
3219	21		St. Paul	
			(Town or county)	
DATE OF BIRTH				
April 21-19			Minn.	U.S.A
(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)			(State or country)	
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON
Mr. Carl Peter Bohland				father
(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON				
701 Minnesota Ave. Albert Lea, Freeborn, Minn.				
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME				
Albert Lea Co-op Creamery				
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS				
N. Bridge Ave. Albert Lea, Freeborn, Minn.				
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		16-17105 Robert Adam Bohland (Registrant's signature)		

Draft Registration Card (Front)

On October 16, 1940, Robert registered for the World War II draft. At the time, he had recently moved out of his parents home, moving to 1520 Hamline Avenue in St. Paul, MN. He worked at the AlbertLea Co-op Creamery, a large dairy, and listed his father, Carl Bohland, as his personal contact.

Robert s'est inscrit à la conscription pour la Seconde Guerre mondiale le 16 octobre 1940. À cette époque, il venait de quitter le domicile parental pour s'installer au 1520 Hamline Avenue, à St. Paul (Minnesota). Il travaillait à la laiterie coopérative Albert-Lea, une grande exploitation laitière, et avait indiqué son père, Carl Bohland, comme point de contact.

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Robert Adam Bohland.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2238/records/16347474>

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT							
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT							
RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	☒	5ft 10		155		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	
		Gray		Red		Dark	☒
Oriental		Hazel		Brown	☒	Freckled	
		Brown	☒	Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
Filipino				Bald		Black	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification _____

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: _____

(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for 2d 4th ALBERT LEA, MINN.
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration October 16, 1940

FREEBORN COUNTY
LOCAL BOARD
ALBERT LEA, MINN.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-17105

Draft Registration Card (Back)

The back of Robert's draft registration card provided a description of his physical appearance: he was 5'10" and weighed 140 lbs., with brown hair, brown eyes, and a dark complexion.

Au dos de la fiche d'enregistrement de Robert figurait une description de son apparence physique : il mesurait 1,78 m et pesait 63 kg, avait les cheveux châtons, les yeux marron et le teint mat.

"U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed September 11, 2025), entry for Robert Adam Bohland.

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Name	Robert A Bohland
Marriage Date	22 Feb 1941
Marriage Place	Freeborn, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Ruth E Wangen
Certificate Number	Bk R Page 6
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

Marriage Certificate

On February 22, 1941, Robert A. Bohland married Ruth E. Wangen in Freeborn, MN.

Le 22 février 1941, Robert A. Bohland a épousé Ruth E. Wangen à Freeborn (Minnesota).

"Minnesota, U.S., Marriages from the Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2022" database, Ancestry (Ancestry.com: accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Robert A. Bohland.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/70873/records/667997?tid=&pid=&queryId=2d0dc957-fb76-432b-b15c-7054b577b0f9&_phsrc=xzw486&_phstart=successSource

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 "Bertha M clk Ben Neff r1112 Charles av
 Logan Mamie opr U S Bldg Co r192 11th
 "Mabel Brennan S St r192 11th
 "Robert see also Van Bogart
 "John H slsmn h1840 Scheffer av
 "Roy B moved to Salem Ore
 "Royal W (Lorraine T) trouble opr North-
 ern States P Co h71 Atwater
 "Joseph Milan N (Francis A) clk opr Swift
 & Co h204 Thomas av
 "Nicholas (Kath) pump opr Swift & Co h122
 4th av N StP
 "Bogdan Chas (Selma M) lab h892 E Lawson
 "Clarence C lab C B & Q R R r1003 E Mac-
 nola av
 "Constance B Mrs opr Mrs M C Fandel r
 "Jos (Constance B) lab Peters Meat Pro-
 ducers Inc h605 E Hawthorne av
 "Mary A trimmer Swift & Co r892 E Law-
 son av
 "Selma trimmer Swift & Co r892 E Lawson
 "Stella C Mrs opr Minn Rag & Paper S Co
 r896 E Cook av
 "Walter J (Selma C) lab h506 E Cook av
 "Bogdanov Minnie clk h608 Lincoln av apt
 208
 "Bogdanov Louis (Ruth) lugger Swift & Co
 h306 6th av S StP
 "Bogdanov see also Bogdan
 "Browne P (Pauline M) wchmn Beebe Lab-
 oratories Inc h1053 E Macnola av
 "Pauline laboratory wkr Beebe Labora-
 tories Inc h1053 E Macnola av
 "Bogden Clifford J (Beatrice) ydmn Central
 Co-op Assn h125 N Roy apt 3th
 "Harry A (Marta E) ydmn John A Clay & Co
 h102 Arundel apt 1
 "Little maid Midway Hosp r389 N Snelling
 av
 "Bogdenberger Wm M clk Midway Chevrolet
 Co r Mpls
 "Bogel Bruno J hlpr Miller Hon r543 Rice
 "Victor J (Florence C) h456 W Central av
 "Bogges Hubert P route agt Ry Exp Agcy
 h332 Marshall av apt 24
 "Boggie Ruth M maid r760 Mt Curve blvd
 apt 116
 "Bogges Edmund C (Lola K) h1238 Hewitt av
 "Geo A moved to Baltimore Md
 "Marion E tchr Farnsworth Sch r150 Mounds
 blvd
 "Marion W (Ida E) assoc prof Macalester
 College h1885 Grand av apt 106
 "Mildred waiter V P Talamardos r171 1/2 W
 4th
 "Muriel nurse Ramsey County Home r do
 "Bogh Hannah E (wid Emil C) h781 Case av
 "Marie Mrs r1485 Lechart
 "Boghan Clarence F hlpr Natl Bearing Met-
 als Corp r439 W 7th
 "Bogie Patk J (Anna D) h877 Tuscarora av
 "Ray P (Mabel M) clk C St P M & O Ry h
 877 Tuscarora av
 "BOGLE LEE M COMPANY Lee M Bogle
 (Mpls) Pres Harry P Mackenzie (Mpls)
 V-Pres T P Bulkrans District Mgr De-
 signers Carvers and Builders of Gran-
 ite and Marble Mausoleums Monuments
 Markers and Statuary Original Design-
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 Garfield 8749 After Office Hours Call Em-
 erson 9285
 "Bogswelch Peter lab h384 Wentworth av
 S StP
 "Boggett Anna M Mrs h366 Maple
 "Harold A (Adeline C) (Bargain Auto Paris)
 h182 E Acker
 "John lab r548 St Peter
 "Raymond J atndt W D Fritz r360 Maple
 "Bogslund Hans driver r343 W Central av
 "Bogue Gladys L Mrs asst Hamline Br Library
 r1424 Thomas av
 "Relph E (Gladys L) janitor Galtier Sch h
 1424 Thomas av
 "Bogush Nick lab h46 E Fairfield av
 "Bogusky Boleslaw chiseler Swift & Co r841
 S Concord StP
 "Chester clk r441 S Concord S StP
 "Wm (Gladys) butcher h841 S Concord S StP
 "Bogut Pauline opr Mother's Friend Lndrs
 & Clnr r1265 Fauquier av
 "Wallace E (Pauline) bldg contr 1265 Fau-
 quier av h do
 "Bohan see also Bohen and Bowen
 "Ellis V (wid Wm J) h1827 Marshall av
 "Eug R visitor County Welfare Bd r1892
 Portland av

City Directory

In 1941, the St. Paul, MN, city directory listed Robert and Ruth at 906 Selby Avenue. Robert worked as a clerk. Robert's father and stepmother, Carl and Laura, also appear on the directory at 906 Selby Avenue and are designated as the homeowners.

En 1941, l'annuaire de la ville de Saint Paul (Minnesota) mentionnait Robert et Ruth au 906 Selby Avenue. Robert travaillait comme employé de bureau. Le père et la belle-mère de Robert, Carl et Laura, figuraient également dans cet annuaire à la même adresse, le 906 Selby Avenue, et étaient désignés comme propriétaires de la maison.

"U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: accessed February 21, 2026), entry for Ruth Bohland, St. Paul, Minnesota.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/records/770861117>

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Military Service

THESE BOYS LEFT TODAY TO JOIN ARMED FORCES

Group picture

ARMY–

....

Donald Joseph Leiferman, Burien, Wash.
Emil Leroy Oberg, 1609 Marshall avenue.
Robert Adam Bohland (transferred to St. Paul), St. Paul.
Milton Russel Christenson, 821 Madison avenue.
James Marvin Groff, Gordonsville....

NAVY –

.....

UNASSIGNED –

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The local Masonic lodge furnished doughnuts, coffee and cigarets [sic] to the boys this morning at the army, just before they left. Rev. Milan K. Thompson of the Calvary Baptist Church gave a talk to the boys.

Transcription of news from the *Albert Lea Tribune*

On June 5, 1944, *the Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, Minnesota) featured a group of local men preparing to enter the Armed Forces. The article listed each man along with his address and noted that, before their departure, they were offered doughnuts, coffee, and cigarettes, and attended a brief address by a reverend. A photograph of the group accompanied the article on which Robert appears, even if he is not specifically identified.

Le 5 juin 1944, l'*Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, Minnesota) a publié un article sur un groupe d'hommes de la région qui s'apprêtaient à s'engager dans les forces armées. L'article dressait la liste de chacun d'entre eux avec leur adresse et indiquait qu'avant leur départ, on leur avait offert des beignets, du café et des cigarettes, et qu'ils avaient assisté à une brève allocution prononcée par un pasteur. Une photo du groupe accompagnait l'article, sur laquelle figure Robert, même s'il n'est pas spécifiquement identifié.

"These Boys Left Today to Join Armed Forces," *Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, MN), June 5, 1944, page 8, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1024943100/?match=1>

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Military Service

Full Name	Robert A Ohland
Army Serial Number	37596161
Enlistment Place	Ft Snelling Minnesota
Enlistment Date	8 Jun 1944
Army Branch	None
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Ramsey County, Minnesota
Enlistment Term	Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law
Source Of Army Personnel	Civil Life
Army Component	Selectees (Enlisted Men)
Level Of Education	1 year of college
Occupation	Technicians, except laboratory
Marital Status	Married
Birth Date	1919
Birth Place	Minnesota
Source Box Number	1236
Source Film Reel Number	6.2
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

Enlistment Record

Robert enlisted in the Army on June 8, 1944. At the time, he lived in Ramsey County, MN, had 1 year of college, was married, and worked as a technician. The person who transcribed Robert's enlistment record likely introduced an error in his last name, as his service number, birth year, residence, etc., all clearly correspond to him.

Robert a rejoint l'armée le 8 juin 1944. Il vivait alors dans le comté de Ramsey (Minnesota). Il avait suivi un an d'études supérieures, était marié et travaillait comme technicien. La personne qui a transcrit son dossier d'enrôlement a probablement introduit une erreur dans son nom de famille, car son matricule, son année de naissance, son lieu de résidence, etc, correspondent clairement à Robert.

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold 3* (Fold3.com: Accessed February 19, 2026), entry for Robert A. Bohland, service number 37596161.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/89924876/robert-a-ohland-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-1938-1946>

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Military Service

Full Name	Ohland, Robert A
Gender	Male
Admission Age	26
Admission Date	Jan 1945
Admission Type Of Injury	InjuryType: Battle casualty; InjuryType2: All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person
Military Service Number	37596161
Rank	Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Cadet or Student)
Unit	0
Branch	Infantry, General or Unspecified
Length Of Service	Unknown
Medical Diagnosis	Diagnosis: Crushing (injury to specific part from continued pressure from object or material); Location: Body, generally; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Other or Unspec to Blast, Fragments, Debris
Discharge Date	Jan 1945
Discharge Place	Not in Medical Installation Prior to Death
Notes	None
Description	2730524
Conflict Period	World War II
Served For	United States of America

Hospital Record

This January 1945 hospital record indicated that artillery fragments and crushing injuries from a shell that struck his tank (see news article below) killed Private Robert A. Bohland. He was 26 years old.

Ce dossier hospitalier daté de janvier 1945 indique que le soldat Robert A. Bohland a trouvé la mort à la suite de blessures causées par des éclats d'artillerie et par l'écrasement dû à un obus qui a touché son char (voir l'article ci-dessous). Il était âgé de 26 ans.

"US, World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed February 6, 2026), entry for Robert A. Bohland, service number 37596161.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/700977464/ohland-robert-a-us-wwii-hospital-admission-card-files-1942-1954>

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Pvt. Bohland Dies In France Leaves Wife and Three Babies to Mourn His Loss

—
Mrs. Robert Bohland, 1520 North Hamline, St. Paul, formerly Miss Ruth Wangen of Albert Lea, received a telegram from the war department yesterday informing her that her husband, Pvt. Robert Bohland, was killed in action on Jan. 26, 1945, while fighting in France. Besides his wife he leaves three babies— Robert, 4; William, 3, and Daniel, 1.

Robert's father, the late Carl Bohland, was one of the engineers and designers of the new Albert Lea high school building on West Clark street.

Mrs. Bohland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wangen, 605 Minnesota street.

Transcription of news from the *Albert Lea Tribune*

On February 14, 1945, the *Albert Lea Tribune* announced Robert's death, indicating that his wife, Ruth, learned the news via telegram. It notes that in addition to his wife, Robert was survived by 3 sons, Robert, William, and Daniel.

Le 14 février 1945, l'*Albert Lea Tribune* annonçait le décès de Robert, précisant que son épouse, Ruth, avait appris la nouvelle par télégramme. Le journal indiquait qu'outre son épouse, Robert laissait derrière lui trois fils : Robert, William et Daniel.

"Pvt. Bohland Dies In France," *Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, MN), February 14, 1945, page 1, [Newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com).

https://www.newspapers.com/image/1024966636/?match=1&clipping_id=191713571

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rate we now held a bridgehead, and the engineers went forward with all possible speed, completing the bridge. It was more than obvious that the attack east of the Ill would get nowhere if supporting armor was not in close support of our infantry troops.

The enemy taunted us with a special propaganda leaflet sent over by enemy artillery, claiming that over one hundred members of Company I, 30th Infantry, including 1st Lt. Darwyn E. Walker—whom the leaflet named—had been captured on May 23. (In Walker's case, at least, it was true. Both he and 1st Lt. Ross H. Calvert, Company K commander, were later liberated by United States troops in Germany. Walker was liberated by his own Division.)

After completing the clearance of Osheim, the 1st Battalion of the 7th Infantry, commanded by Maj. Kenneth W. Wallace, had attacked shortly after midnight of January 24 toward Chateau de Schoppenwihr. A strong counterattack consisting of enemy infantry and six tanks came at daybreak. Three of the tanks were destroyed, but the fighting continued all day. It was not until 1830 that night that the Germans were finally driven from their positions in the Chateau area and in the woods between the railroad tracks and west to the Fecht River. Company C, 99th Chemical Battalion, laid down a heavy smoke screen while the fight was at its height, thus enabling Company A, 7th, to rejoin its battalion by crossing the open under cover of smoke at Bois dit de Rothleible. The additional strength was both timely and necessary.

The 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry, had a fierce fight in the Brunnwald woods, where the enemy had infiltrated while the struggle for the Chateau was in progress. The infiltration was followed by reinforcements after dark and when the 3d raided the positions at about midnight the enemy was prepared to resist with great strength. Mortars, machine guns and small arms provided stiff opposition to the raiders.

Company L, commanded by 1st Lt. Orville L. Dilley, moved around the tip of the woods and ran into German machine guns and Flakwagons. Company A, 756th Tank Battalion, under Capt. Orlando A. Richardson, Jr., and Company A of the 601st TD Battalion, with Capt. Francis X. Lambert commanding, were supporting the 7th in the attack and our armor fought the enemy tanks and tank destroyers to a standstill.

Concealed German bazookamen, mechanized and horse-drawn antitank guns, Mark IV and Mark V tanks, were strewn throughout the area. Our casualties also were high and included six or seven pieces of armor.

At the end of the first forty-eight hours an important identification among enemy units had been made. As suspected, we were opposed by the two battalions of

the 760 VG regiment, as well as elements of 748th, 225th, 308th, and 728th VG regiments. An additional unit, the 602nd Mobile Battalion, was almost wiped out during the period. The new identification, however, was that of the enemy 67th Reconnaissance Battalion from the 2d Mountain Division, previously identified in Norway. This was combined with the recognition of another element of the same division, the 137th Mountain Regiment, in the I French Corps zone. It provided an indication that the enemy was not going to let the Colmar Pocket be eliminated without a determined effort to prevent it. The 2d Mountain Division actually was earmarked for the pocket to replace the 269th Infantry Division, which previously had been sneaked out and sent to the Russian front. The enemy vainly hoped the switch could be completed before any Allied offensive could be started against the pocket.

Also known to be opposing our advance were: Battle Group Diemer and 235th Engineer Battalion. Suspected were elements of the 40th PG (Panzer Grenadier) Replacement Battalion in the 254th Infantry zone, and a possible addition of elements of the 137th Mountain Regiment opposing the 7th Infantry.

By 2010 of the night of January 24, the 254th Infantry's 3d Battalion, which had been committed around the right flank of 1st Battalion in the regiment's attack south toward the Weiss River from Hill 216, reached the Weiss. The regiment thus held the river line east to its juncture with the Fecht, although north of that point, along the Fecht stream line the area was not completely clear of enemy.

Company K, 7th Infantry, commanded by Capt. Francis J. Kret, was still in close contact with the enemy in the woods when the 7th struck south in an all-out attack, with three battalions abreast, at daybreak January 25. Company I, under 1st Lt. William D. Anthone, was left to contain the enemy in the forest while the bulk of the regiment made the attack, which began after a heavy artillery and mortar concentration had been placed on Houssen and the surrounding area.

Meanwhile, across the Ill, the 2d and 3d Battalions, 15th Infantry, took up the fight at 0300 the morning of January 25. They encountered enemy small-arms, machine-gun, 20mm, tank, and mortar fire about 300 yards northwest of Riedwihr. Two tanks and a tank destroyer with the 2d Battalion (a bridge strong enough for armor had finally been put in several hundred yards north of Maison Rouge) became stuck, and the battalion withdrew about 700 yards. The men were not in the confusion that our elements had been the previous two days, however, when there was no supporting armor whatsoever. The battalion was quickly reorganized. Maj. John O'Connell's 3d Battalion, with

History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II (1 of 2)

The *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II* dedicated a chapter to the combat in the Colmar Pocket (pages 282-324). The 756th Tank Battalion was attached to the 3rd ID for the liberation of many Alsatian towns, including Riquewihr, Sigolsheim, Bennwihr, and Riedwihr. As a soldier in this battalion, Robert likely took part in these objectives before his death on January 26, 1945.

L'histoire de la 3e division d'infanterie pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale consacre un chapitre aux combats menés dans la poche de Colmar (pages 282 à 324). Le 756e bataillon de chars fut rattaché à la 3e division d'infanterie pour la libération de nombreux villages alsaciens, notamment Riquewihr, Sigolsheim, Bennwihr et Riedwihr. En tant que soldat de ce bataillon, Robert a probablement pris part à ces opérations avant sa mort, le 26 janvier 1945.

Donald G. Taggart, *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II* (Washington, Infantry Journal Press, 1947), 309.

<https://archive.org/details/HistoryOfTheThirdID/page/309/mode/1up>

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History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II (2 of 2)

This page of the 3rd ID Unit History listed the names of soldiers who served with the 756th Tank Battalion during World War II. Robert is listed near the top of the second column as a Private who was Killed in Action.

Sur cette page de l'*Histoire de la 3e division d'infanterie*, sont répertoriés les noms des soldats ayant servi au sein du 756e bataillon de chars pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Robert figure en haut de la deuxième colonne en tant que soldat tombé au combat.

Donald G. Taggart, *History of the Third Infantry Division in World War II* (Washington, Infantry Journal Press, 1947), 572.

<https://archive.org/details/HistoryOfTheThirdID/page/572/mode/1up>

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HEADSTONE INSCRIPTION AND INTERMENT RECORD									
SECTION A	INSCRIPTION (Front) (Name, Rank, Organization, State, Date of Death, Grave No.)								
	ROBERT A. BOHLAND PVT 756 TANK BN MINNESOTA JAN 26 1945 12								
	INSCRIPTION (Rear) (Service Number)								
37596161									
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MRS. RUTH E. BOHLAND 808 HARDING AVENUE ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA								21	
REMARKS									
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Headstone and Interment Records

Robert was buried in the Epinal American Cemetery, France, section A, row 24, grave 12. He posthumously received a Purple Heart for his ultimate sacrifice. The records listed his wife, Ruth E. Bohland, as his next of kin.

Robert a été inhumé au cimetière américain d'Épinal, en France, section A, rangée 24, tombe 12. Il a reçu, à titre posthume, la Purple Heart pour son ultime sacrifice. Les registres indiquaient que son épouse, Ruth E. Bohland, était sa plus proche parente.

"U.S., Headstone and Internment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: accessed February 18, 2026), entry for Robert Bohland.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9170/records/81696?tid=&pid=&queryId=62bb9124-817f-4849-b967-744b2facd8c2&usePUBJs=true>

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Headstone

Robert A. Bohland's headstone is located in the Epinal American Cemetery. It lists his rank as Private, his service with the 756th Tank Battalion, his home state of Minnesota, and his date of death, January 26, 1945.

La tombe de Robert A. Bohland se trouve au cimetière américain d'Épinal. Elle indique son grade de soldat, son affectation au 756^e bataillon de chars, son État d'origine, le Minnesota, ainsi que la date de son décès, le 26 janvier 1945.

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Posthumous Award Of Purple Heart

Mrs. Robert A. Bohland, 514 Minnesota Ave., has received the Purple Heart which was awarded posthumously to her husband, Private Bohland, who was killed in France on Jan. 26, 1945. He had been in combat only 16 days, serving as a cannoneer in a platoon leader's tank. Mrs. Bohland has been informed that a German 88mm. mortar shell made a direct hit on the tank and that her husband was killed instantly. Private Bohland left for the army from St. Paul on July 1, 1944, and received his training at Fort Knox, KY.

Mrs. Bohland and her three small children, Robert P., William J., and Danial W., moved here from St. Paul to make their home. Mrs. Bohland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wangen of this city.

Transcription of news from the *Albert Lea Tribune*

On May 2, 1945, the *Albert Lea Tribune* reported that Mrs. Bohland received the Purple Heart Robert earned for his service and sacrifice. The article noted that Robert served as the cannoneer in the platoon leader's tank. He had only served 16 days in combat when a German 88mm mortar shell struck it, killing him instantly.

Le 2 mai 1945, l'*Albert Lea Tribune* rapportait que Mme Bohland avait reçu la Purple Heart, attribuée posthumement à Robert pour son service et son sacrifice. L'article précisait qu'il a occupé le poste de tireur dans le char du chef de section. Il n'avait combattu que 16 jours lorsqu'un obus de mortier allemand de 88 mm a touché son char, le tuant sur le coup.

"Posthumous Award Of Purple Heart," *Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, MN), May 2, 1945, page 7, Newspapers.com.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/1024978925/?match=1&clipping_id=181301070

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War Dead Names Sought For Freeborn Memorial

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Efforts are being made to gather all the names of Freeborn county service men who were killed in the Spanish-American, World War I, and World War II so those names can be placed on the memorial to be erected at Graceland cemetery.

Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the memorial has been ordered and it is hoped that it will arrive in time for Memorial day service in May...

...
World War II

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Bohland, Robert A.

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Transcription from the *Albert Lea Tribune*

On November 5, 1946, the *Albert Lea Tribune* announced plans to construct a Freeborn County, MN memorial honoring servicemen who died during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Robert was among the men listed in the article as among the Veterans who would appear on the then-unbuilt memorial.

Le 5 novembre 1946, l'*Albert Lea Tribune* annonçait un projet de construction d'un mémorial destiné à honorer les militaires du comté de Freeborn (Minnesota) morts au combat lors de la guerre hispano-américaine, de la Première Guerre mondiale et de la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Robert y est mentionné parmi les anciens combattants dont le nom devait être gravé sur ce monument, qui était encore à l'état de projet à cette date.

"War Dead Names Sought For Freeborn Memorial," *Albert Lea Tribune* (Albert Lea, MN), November 5, 1945, page 10, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/1025078651/?match=1>

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Name	Ruth Evelyn Bohland
Marriage Date	4 Oct 1947
Marriage Place	Freeborn, Minnesota, USA
Spouse	Harold Obert Arntzen
Certificate Number	Bk U Page 575
URL	https://moms.mn.gov/

Marriage Record

On October 4, 1947, Ruth Bohland, Robert's widow, remarried Harold Arntzen.

Le 4 octobre 1947, Ruth Bohland, la veuve de Robert, s'est remariée avec Harold Arntzen.

"Marriage from Minnesota Official Marriage System, 1850-2022," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: accessed February 21, 2026), entry Ruth Bohland.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/70873/records/90671200?tid=&pid=&queryId=2d660a37-2766-49fc-b7b2-847120c5dcd3&phsrc=VIG1112&phstart=successSource>

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1950 Federal Census (1 of 2)

By 1950, Ruth and Robert's children lived with their stepfather, Harold Arntzen, in Oelwein, IA. The family lived at 514 Sixth Avenue, and Harold worked as a store manager. Robert's children kept their last name, Bohland. Daniel appears at the top of the next page of the census.

En 1950, les enfants de Ruth et Robert vivaient avec leur beau-père, Harold Arntzen, à Oelwein (Iowa). La famille habitait au 514 Sixth Avenue et Harold travaillait comme gérant de magasin. Les enfants de Robert sont répertoriés sous son nom de famille de leur père, Bohland. Daniel apparaît en haut de la page suivante du recensement.

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 18, 2025), entry for Robert P Bohland, Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/71617271?tid=&pid=&queryId=16f7073f-ee68-48bf-bee1-3c6d9d48c8f1&phsrc=VIG1106&phstart=successSource>

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Daniel Bohland appeared as the first name on the next page of the Oelwein, IA census.

“1950 United States Federal Census,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed November 18, 2025), entry for Robert P Bohland, Oelwein, Fayette, Iowa.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/71617271?tid=&pid=&queryId=16f7073f-ee68-48bf-bee1-3c6d9d48c8f1&phsrc=VIG1106&phstart=successSource>

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GROFF MICHAEL W	23	SEVERSON MIANNE M	18	FREBAN 09-30-72	GROEWOLD SCOTT R	19	HILL ANN M	19	NARTIN 09-20-75
GROFF NICHOLAS G	20	SANDS JEANNE C	19	STEELE 05-20-72	GROEWOLD CHESTER	20	WHITNEY KATHERINE	20	JACKSON 12-19-70
GROFF ROBERT J	22	OHMANN SUSAN M	20	DAKOTA 08-28-71	GROEWOLD DONALD J	19	SCHLOSSOW DEBRA L	17	WINONA 06-22-74
GROFF ROBERT W	20	JERRY DONNA M	18	LAKE 07-26-75	GROEWOLD EDWARD A	23	LEY JERRITA N	19	HENNPN 11-24-72
GROFF SHELTON J	35	KERSTEN CARRIE A	36	HENNPN 11-30-74	GROEWOLD JAMES P	19	NIELSEN RHONDA F	17	NOBLES 11-23-74
GROGAN GARY M	21	RYBERG BONNIE J	21	RAMSEY 05-26-73	GROEWOLD JERRY L	24	ODDSON LINDA S	16	NOBLES 10-06-72
GROGAN JOHN C	30	ZYCH MIRIAM M	26	HENNPN 10-02-75	GROEWOLD KERRY Q	21	LUTTERMAN LINDA I	21	MARTIN 09-27-75
GROGAN JOHN C	26	THOMAS SUSAN J	23	HENNPN 10-12-73	GROEWOLD MAX L	49	BRASS NORMA J	50	FARBLT 12-07-74
GROH HARVEY	48	HEAGEL ELEANOR E	51	OLMSTO 09-27-75	GROEWOLD STEPHEN	21	HARLOW VICTORIA M	21	NOBLES 10-12-73
GROH ROBERT R	25	THORSON LAVONNE M	21	FREBAN 11-27-71	GROFELD ALLEN L	23	GOLISH SANDRA K	25	BG STN 07-29-72
GROH RONALD E	34	LICHTER BEVERLY R	19	FILLMR 03-28-70	GROFIELD ROSS J	23	BENSON SHARON G	19	HENNPN 09-16-72
GROH STEVEN J	20	BRERETON DOROTHY E	20	OLMSTO 06-16-71	GROING LARRY J	24	ISFELD DEBRA A	20	LINCLN 09-07-74
GROH THOMAS W	26	CAMPBELL MARY A	26	RAMSEY 09-05-75	GROINHOLZ DAVID L	22	CARROLL MARLENE K	22	NOWER 05-23-70
GROHEK ALVIN E	48	DALE LEONA M	46	CLATON 09-07-73	GROINHOLZ JOHN H	24	MILLER MEMORY M	23	BROWN 06-19-71
GROHMANN THOMAS A	20	OSADCHUK VELMA J	20	DAKOTA 10-18-75	GROINHOV ALLEN O	21	PERTUSI ANNE M	24	CLAY 01-12-74
GROHMANN WILLIAM N	28	SAMMON LAURA F	23	RICE 09-06-75	GROINGA EVERETT	65	EICHNER MADELYN M	54	CTTND 05-20-72
GROHN DONALD R	55	MEIDINGER MARGARET	64	TRAVRS 04-17-74	GROINGA JOE J	20	ESCHER KATHERINE A	19	POPE 06-09-72
GROHNKE RANDOLPH C	28	FENRITE SUSAN K	26	HENNPN 09-18-71	GROINGER CHRISTOP	29	MOSS JANICE W	25	LK MOS 07-05-74
GROHS RICHARD M	21	RADEL VICKY L	19	TRAVRS 09-01-73	GROINLAND LARRY D	23	COLEMAN LINDA A	25	HENNPN 08-28-71
GROHS STUART W	25	GULLIVAN MARY C	22	RAMSEY 12-22-73	GROINLI DENNIS F	20	CASKEY DIANE K	20	KNOYHI 05-22-71
GROINUS GARY J	25	BOYLAN JEANANNE K	21	HENNPN 02-26-72	GROINLI DONALD K	61	BOURGERTIE LORRAINE	58	HENNPN 11-14-70
GROKETT BERNARD H	21	SCHWARZE JILL M	21	HENNPN 09-11-71	GROINLI DONALD R	19	LIESTMAN JOY D	19	KNOYHI 04-17-71
GROLLA TERRY S	21	GOODERMONT CYNTHIA	21	HENNPN 10-22-71	GROINLI DOUGLAS J	22	HEIKE ARLYS J	20	KNOYHI 05-20-72

Marriage Record

On December 14, 1974, Ruth Arntzen married her third husband, Edward E. Groff.

Le 14 décembre 1974, Ruth Arntzen s'est mariée avec son troisième mari, Edward E. Groff.

"Minnesota, U.S., Marriage Index, 1958-2001," database, Ancestry ([ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com): accessed February 21, 2026), entry for Ruth E. Arntzen.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8721/records/20800142>

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GRISHABER	THEODORE	J	27	GRISHABER	JULIE	A	29	ITASCA	10-14-93	DIS
GRISHABER	THEODORE	J	50	GRISHABER	DIANA	L	35	RAMSEY	06-12-95	DIS
GRISKEY	R.	L	99	DEREMEE	LISA	C	99	HENNEPIN	12-20-95	DIS
GRISMER	RICHARD		99	GRISMER	BOBBI		99	HUBBARD	10-25-93	DIS
GRISSE	DAVID	B	48	GRISSE	JACQUELIN	L	35	HENNEPIN	10-22-91	DIS
GRISWOLD	DEAN	A	38	GRISWOLD	VICKI	L	34	HILLE LACS	10-05-93	DIS
GRITTERS	BRUCE	L	30	MGRITTERS	STEPHANIE		29	HENNEPIN	09-08-92	DIS
GRITTI	DENNIS	J	42	GRITTI	TRACEY	J	36	ANOKA	05-16-95	DIS
GRITTNER	KERRY	M	34	GRITTNER	SHEILA	M	34	NEEKER	02-10-93	DIS
GRITZMACHER	TERRANCE	L	46	GRITZMACHER	CANDACE	K	41	RAMSEY	07-13-95	DIS
GROB	JAMES	A	31	GROB	CARRIE	L	25	DAKOTA	03-21-91	DIS
GROBE	JOHN	G	43	RICHARDS	MELANIE		36	LAKE	07-19-93	DIS
GROBOUE	ADAM	A	31	GROBOUE	TERRI	M	31	RAMSEY	06-06-95	DIS
GROBSTICK	WILLIAM	U	32	GROBSTICK	LISA	A	31	HOUSTON	01-27-95	DIS
GROBY	EUGENE	W	23	GROBY	PATTI	L	33	FILLMORE	05-28-92	DIS
GROBY	RICHARD		33	GRISY	BETTY		38	OLMSTED	08-15-94	DIS
GROCHOW	DAVID	C	38	GROCHOW	VICKI	L	36	MCLEOD	02-10-94	DIS
GROCHOW	DEAN	A	38	GROCHOW	BEVERLY	A	28	MCLEOD	08-08-95	DIS
GROCHOWSKI	MICHAEL	T	34	GROCHOWSKI	JENNIFER	L	32	HENNEPIN	10-11-91	DIS
GRODAHL	IVAR	A	99	GRODAHL	RUTH	A	99	HENNEPIN	05-20-94	DIS
GRODIN	ELLIS	M	47	GRODIN	ELAINE	C	43	RAMSEY	01-31-91	DIS
GROEBNER	DANIEL	C	99	GROEBNER	JANICE	L	99	BLUE EARTH	01-21-93	DIS
GROEBNER	DOUGLAS	J	31	GROEBNER	PATTI	L	32	BROWN	04-26-91	DIS
GROEBNER	GERALD	W	45	GROEBNER	CAROL	E	41	BROWN	09-24-90	DIS
GROEBNER	JEROME	L	29	GROEBNER	DONNA KATP		30	RAMSEY	07-09-93	DIS
GROEBNER	PAUL	W	99	GROEBNER	KARI	J	99	BLUE EARTH	05-24-95	DIS
GROEBNER	RUSSELL	J	25	GROEBNER	KRISTINA	L	23	BLUE EARTH	05-25-94	DIS
GROEBNER	STEVEN	A	43	DOWNING	ODETTE	E	43	HENNEPIN	02-01-90	DIS
GROEBNER	STEVEN	A	43	GROEBNER	ODETTE	E	43	HENNEPIN	02-01-90	DIS
GROEHLER	GLENN	C	34	GROEHLER	DEBORAH	J	26	DAKOTA	03-07-94	DIS
GROEHLER	MARK	D	31	GROEHLER	SUSAN	D	34	HENNEPIN	10-24-90	DIS
GROEHLER	SCOTT	A	38	GROEHLER	DENISE	M	33	SHERBURNE	08-03-94	DIS
GROENE	ROBERT	W	43	GROENE	DIANE	L	35	RAMSEY	10-04-93	DIS
GROENEWOLD	WAYNE	A	52	GROENEWOLD	DIANNA	M	46	NOBLES	10-20-92	DIS
GROENHEIM	LOUIS	M	61	GROENHEIM	ANN	M	53	DAKOTA	11-30-92	DIS
GROENKE	JEFFREY	H	28	GROENKE	VERA	H	28	HENNEPIN	08-12-91	DIS
GROSS	DAVID	A	25	GROSS	THERESA	A	22	HENNEPIN	11-02-90	DIS
GROSS	TIMOTHY		23	GROSS	DARCIE	E	23	ANOKA	12-20-91	DIS
GROETHE	JOHN	W	99	GROETHE	SANDRA	K	99	HENNEPIN	11-03-95	DIS
GROETSCH	FRANKLIN	J	39	GROETSCH	LORIE	A	33	HENNEPIN	07-25-90	DIS
GROETSCH	JAMES	R	27	GROETSCH	KAY	A	26	RAMSEY	09-18-91	DIS
GROETTUM	JOHN	R	75	GOETTUM	CAROL	A	64	RAMSEY	08-27-91	DIS
GROETTUM	LESLIE	N	25	GROETTUM	MARY	L	25	ANOKA	10-12-90	DIS
GROFF	EDMUND	D	48	GROFF	FAITH	M	39	SCOTT	08-11-92	DIS
GROFF	EDWARD	E	70	GROFF	RUTH	E	73	FREEBORN	12-29-94	DIS
GROFF	ROBERT	W	99	GROFF	GLORIA	M	41	SAINT LOUIS	10-16-95	DIS
GROFF	TIMOTHY	A	99	GROFF	AMY	M	99	MOWER	05-24-95	DIS
GROGAN	JEROME	D	29	GROGAN	MARY	K	29	SAINT LOUIS	11-05-90	DIS
GROGG	KENNETH	J	29	GROGG	SHEILA	R	33	HENNEPIN	05-14-92	DIS
GROH	GERALD	H	47	GROH	KATHLEEN	M	47	WASHINGTON	04-12-91	DIS
GROH	JAMES	S	47	GROH	MARY FRANU		28	WASHINGTON	05-26-95	DIS
GROHS	DAVID	R	99	GIEFER	TANDY	J	99	HENNEPIN	03-18-94	DIS

Divorce Record

On December 29, 1994, Ruth and Edward Groff divorced.

Le 29 décembre 1994, Ruth et Edward Groff ont divorcé.

"Minnesota, U.S., Divorce Index, 1970-1995," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed February 22, 2026), Entry for Ruth E Groff.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1081/records/10321013>

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Name	Ruth Evelyn Bohland Arntzen Groff
Maiden Name	Wangen
Birth Date	26 May 1921
Birth Place	Minnesota, United States of America
Death Date	15 Nov 2005
Death Place	Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, United States of America
Has Bio?	N
Father	Leonard Gerhart Wangen
Mother	Delores A Wangen
Spouse	Robert Adam Bohland
URL	https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/64365609/ruth-evelyn-bohland_arntzen_groff

Death Record

On November 15, 2005, Ruth E. Bohland Arntzen Groff died. She was 84 years old.

Le 15 novembre 2005, Ruth E. Bohland Arntzen Groff est décédée. Elle avait 84 ans.

Global, Find a Grave Index for Burials at Sea and other Select Burial Locations, 1300s-Current," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed February 22, 2026), Entry for Ruth Evelyn Bohland Arntzen Groff.

<https://www.ancestry.com/sharing/60430567?mark=7b22746f6b656e223a22375854716b4948654f737858663846346b784b5455434751536e61733559516665664951736d516e7454413d22c22746f6b656e5f76657273696f6e223a225632227d>

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26 août 2024 : 80^e anniversaire de la libération de Cairanne



À la mémoire du Lieutenant Edgar R. Danby
et de ses camarades du 15^e régiment
d'infanterie et du 756^e bataillon de chars
de l'armée des États-Unis d'Amérique
qui libérèrent Cairanne le 26 août 1944,
Les Cairannais reconnaissants.

**We will
remember them**



Edgar R. Danby est mort au combat
le 27 août 1944 à Allan (Drôme)



Memorial

The village of Cairanne, 30 miles north of Avignon, France, installed a plaque for the 80th anniversary of its liberation to honor the men of the 756th Tank Battalion and the 15th Infantry Division. This plaque commemorates the service of Robert Bohland and his fellow soldiers.

Le village de Cairanne, situé à une cinquantaine de kilomètres au nord d'Avignon, en France, a inauguré une plaque à l'occasion du 80^e anniversaire de sa libération afin de rendre hommage aux hommes du 756^e bataillon de chars et de la 15^e division d'infanterie. Cette plaque rend hommage au courage de Robert Bohland et de ses camarades.

"Lt Edgar R. Danby Plaque -756th Tank Battalion," database, *American War Memorials Overseas*, Inc. (<https://www.uswarmemorials.org/>, accessed February, 16, 2026), entry 756th Tank Battalion.

https://www.uswarmemorials.org/html/monument_details.php?SiteID=3101&MemID=4229

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