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Claude W. Chase

1925 – 1945

Sergeant: US Army

Company E, 254th Infantry Regiment, 63rd Infantry Division

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Form 1 1192		REGISTRATION CARD		No. 18	
1	Name in full	Vaughn Chase			Age, in yrs. 25
2	Home address	Perham Me			
3	Date of birth	May 14 1892			
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?	Natural-born citizen			
5	Where were you born?	Rochester N.H. U.S.A.			
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?	Farming			
8	By whom employed?	Farming for self.			
	Where employed?	Perham			
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?	No.			
10	Married or single (which)?	Single		Race (specify which)?	Caucasian
11	What military service have you had? Rank _____; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____				
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? _____				
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
Vaughn W. Chase					(Signature or mark)

World War I Draft Registration Card (Front)

The front of Claude's father, Vaughn Chase, World War I draft registration card listed his home state as New Hampshire, although he lived in Perham, Aroostook County, ME, in 1917, where Claude was born.

Le recto de la carte de recensement militaire de la Première Guerre mondiale de Vaughn Chase, père de Claude, indiquait le New Hampshire comme son État d'origine, mais en 1917, il résidait à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine), où Claude est né.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), entry for Vaughn Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/25142353?tid=&pid=&queryId=6dc5fa5a-1c60-499a-928f-9de07a67a5ba&phsrc=zQl26&phstart=successSource>

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1	Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? <u>Medium</u>	Slender, medium, or stout (which)? <u>Medium</u>
2	Color of eyes? <u>Gray</u>	Color of hair? <u>Brown</u> Bald? _____
3	Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)? _____	

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

R.A. Spaulding
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct Perham
City or County Aroostook
State Me.

June 5, 1917
(Date of registration)

World War I Draft Card (Back)

The back of Vaughn's draft card provided a description of his physical appearance: he stood at medium height and had a medium build, with gray eyes and brown hair.

Au verso de la carte de Vaughn figure une description de son apparence physique : il était de taille et de corpulence moyennes, avec des yeux gris et des cheveux bruns.

"U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), entry for Vaughn Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6482/records/25142353?tid=&pid=&queryId=6dc5fa5a-1c60-499a-928f-9de07a67a5ba&_phsrc=zQl26&_phstart=successSource

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RECORD OF A MARRIAGE.

Groom Vaughn Chase
Bride Isabel Holte
Residence of Groom Perham
" Bride "
Age of Groom 25
" Bride 19
Color of Groom H
" Bride "
Occupation of Groom Farmer
" Bride Housework
Birthplace of Groom Rochester, N.H.
" Bride Perham
No. of Marriage of Groom 1
" Bride 1
Groom Widowed or Divorced "
Bride "
Intention Filed May 30, 1917
By whom Married E. B. Turner
Residence Perham
Official Station* Clergyman
Date of Marriage June 6, 1917
Place Perham
*Clergymen, Justice of the Peace, etc. [Record continued over.]

FORM 52 Liberty Bureau 163778 -6.

Marriage Record

Claude's parents, Vaughn and Isabel (sometimes "Isabelle"), married in 1917 in Perham, Aroostook County, ME.

Acte de mariage de 1917 des parents de Claude, Vaughn et Isabel (ou Isabelle) Chase. Ils vivaient à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Maine, U.S., Marriage Records, 1713-1922," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 17, 2025) Entry for Vaughn W Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1961/records/1701942?tid=&pid=&queryId=ba205de0-ee35-442d-b796-442e5691bb2c&phsrc=ygg13&phstart=successSource>

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State Maine Incorporated place Perham DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
County Aroostook Ward of city Block No. FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
Township or other division of county Perham First Unincorporated place Perham Institution Perham Enumerated by me on April 2, 1930, Harold Bagdon
Enumeration District No. 2-62 Sheet No. 1 B
Supervisor's District No. 1 8007

AGE	SEX	NAME	RELATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER TONGUE (OR NATIVE LANGUAGE) OF FOREIGN BORN	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	INDEBTED	CODE	EMPLOYMENT	VETERAN	REMARKS
31	M	Ruggell, Walter	Head	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
32	F	Isabel	Wife	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
33	M	Vaughn	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
34	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
35	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
36	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
37	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
38	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
39	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
40	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
41	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
42	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
43	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
44	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
45	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
46	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
47	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
48	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
49	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
50	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
51	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
52	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
53	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
54	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
55	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
56	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
57	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
58	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
59	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
60	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
61	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
62	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
63	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
64	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
65	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
66	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
67	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
68	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
69	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
70	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
71	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
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75	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
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77	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
78	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
79	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
80	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
81	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
82	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
83	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
84	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
85	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
86	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
87	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
88	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
89	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
90	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
91	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
92	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
93	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
94	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
95	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
96	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
97	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
98	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
99	M	Walter	Son	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					
100	F	Isabel	Daughter	Maine	English	U.S. Nat.	Farmer					

1930 Federal Census

In 1930, Claude and his family lived in Perham in Aroostook County, ME. 4-year-old Claude was the second youngest of Vaughn and Isabel's 5 children. Vaughn worked as a laborer on a farm, and the family rented their home for \$5 a month.

En 1930, la famille de Claude vivait à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine). Âgé de 4 ans, Claude était le deuxième plus jeune des 5 enfants de Vaughn et Isabel ; ouvrier agricole, Vaughn louait la maison familiale pour 5 dollars par mois.

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: Accessed September 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/6224/records/4656928?tid=&pid=&queryId=da8cbbdb-cc75-490f-ada0-5a2b68ecf5ac&phsrc=GHn135&phstart=successSource>

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1940 Federal Census

In 1940, the Chase family welcomed their sixth child, a girl named Vivian. Claude's family relocated from Perham to Madison in Somerset County, ME, during the Great Depression.

Le recensement de 1940 indique que, durant la Grande Dépression, la famille Chase a quitté Perham pour s'installer à Madison, dans le comté de Somerset (Maine), et qu'un sixième enfant, une fille nommée Vivian, est venu agrandir la fratrie.

“1940 United States Federal Census,” database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed September 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Madison, Somerset County, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2442/records/1416>

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Military Service

Full Name	Claude W Chase
Army Serial Number	31400452
Enlistment Place	Portland Maine
Enlistment Date	29 Dec 1943
Army Branch	No branch assignment
Branch	Army
Race Or Ethnicity	White
Residence	Cumberland County, Maine
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	Grammar school
Occupation	Farm hands, general farms
Marital Status	Single, without dependents
Birth Date	1925
Birth Place	Maine
Source Box Number	0436
Source Film Reel Number	3.158
Conflict	World War II
Served For	United States of America

Enlistment Record

Claude enlisted on December 29, 1943, shortly after his 18th birthday. The record indicated he had a grammar school education and had worked in farming.

L'acte d'incorporation militaire de Claude, daté du 29 décembre 1943, peu après son dix-huitième anniversaire, montre qu'il avait suivi des études primaires et qu'il travaillait dans l'agriculture.

"US, WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946," database, *Fold 3*(Fold3.com: Accessed September 12, 2025), entry for Claude W Chase, Portland, Maine.

<https://www.fold3.com/record/85806664/claude-w-chase-us-wwii-army-enlistment-records-1938-1946>

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Military Service

E Company, 254 th Infantry Regiment			
Absher, Paul G.	Pfc.	Biggs, James D.	Pfc.
Achilare, Michael R.	S/Sgt.	Billman, Harry Lloyd	Pfc.
Ackerman, Herman A.	T/Sgt.	Bicer, Leon C.	Pvt.
Agree, Cecil J.	1/Sgt.	Bishop, Aurther A.	Pfc.
Agro, Frank C.	Pfc.	Bjerkan, Vernon P.	Pfc.
Albert, William R.	T/5	Bleich, Rudolph G.	Pfc.
Alcott, Earl E.	Pvt.	Bleich, Roy W.	Pvt.
Alexander, Louis B.	Pfc.	Bliss, Jay J.	Pfc.
Alonzi, Carlo B., Jr.	Pfc.	Bloom, Benjamin S.	Pfc.
Ammerman, Walter F. (E.)	S/Sgt.	Boam, Milburn A.	Pfc.
Anders, Delbert E.	Pfc.	Booke, Anthony C.	Pfc.
Anderson, Francis S.,	Pvt.	Boella, Eugene R.	Pfc.
Anderson, George L.	S/Sgt.	Bolcar, Paul W.	Pfc.
Andrews, John J.	1/Lt.	Boler, Alfred H., Jr.	Pfc.
Andrews, Russell H.?	Pvt.	Bombardt, John M.	Pfc.
Angusa, Anthony J.	T/5	Boethe, Boyd E.	Pfc.
Applebaum, Nathan	S/Sgt.	Bortko, John	Pvt.
Argo, James G.	Pfc.	Bosco, Dominick B.	S/Sgt.
Armstrong, Roy D.	S/Sgt.	Boskoski, Robert J.	Pfc.
Aro, Arthur Harold	Pfc.	Bourdage, Nelson J.	Pfc.
Ash, Irving	Pfc.	Bower, John J., Jr.	Pfc.
Atchison, Charles R.	Pvt.	Boyer, Robert E.	S/Sgt.
Aubuchon, Vincent J.	Pvt.	Boyer, William G. J.	Sgt.
Auerbach, Frank	Pfc.	Bradford,	
Augustine, Michael	Pvt.	Bradshaw, Charles L.	Sgt.
Babb, Otis J.	Pfc.	Brasher, Donald R.	Sgt.
Baker, Cuby L.	Pvt.	Bratton, Robert D.	Pfc.
Baker, Robert A.	Pfc.	Brennan, Robert	1/Lt.
Barber, Virgil H.	Pvt.	Bridegum, George P.	Pfc.
Barcolo, Gilbert, Jr.	1/Sgt.	Bridges, Lewis L.	Pfc.
Barden, James E.,	Sgt.	Brkllich, Matthew T.	T/5
Barlotas, Frank	T/Sgt.	Broce, Charles H.	S/Sgt.
Barley, Gerald D.	Pvt.	Bronoski, William V.	Cpl.
Baron, Robert	1/Sgt.	Brown, Clarence	Pfc.
Barrett, Jack H.?	T/5	Brown, Dillard	Pfc.
Bartsch, Adolph H.	T/3	Brown, Korley J. ?	Pfc.
Basili, John A.	Pvt.	Brown, Robert A.	Sgt.
Basque, Joseph F., Jr.	Pfc.	Browne, Samuel B.	Pvt.
Bates, Howard O.	Pvt.	Brozak, Chester R.	T/5
Battertain, Russell	Pvt.	Buckley, Louis L.	Pvt.
Bay, Richard L.	Pfc.	Buckner, Edgar W.	Sgt.
Beachler, Kenneth C.	Pvt.	Buddle, Kenneth E.	Pfc.
Beale, William H.	Pfc.	Bullaro, John, Jr.	Pvt.
Bearden, Herbert L.	Pfc.	Burchett, Roy E.	Pfc.
Bedford, Edd F.	S/Sgt.	Burke, James H.	Pvt.
Beemer, Wilson E.	Cpl.	Burkley, William R.	T/3
Bell, Edward F.	Pfc.	Burr, Lewin	Pvt.
Bell, James H.	Pvt.	Burton, Edgar W. (M.)	Sgt.
Benedict, Charles H.	Pvt.	Burton, Leonard R.	Pfc.
Benscoter, Donald E.	Pfc.	Butler, James A.	Pfc.
Berberich, Hugo	Pfc.	Byrnes, Edward P.	T/5
Berens, Phillip D.	Pfc.	Caico, Angelo J.	Pfc.
Bergstrom, Leonard H.	Pfc.	Caldwell, Emmett F.	1/Sgt.
Berkowitz, Max	Pvt.	Calfee, Frank E.	Pvt.
Bermel, Bernard J.	Pfc.	Calhoun, Murray W.	S/Sgt.
Beto, Amos G.	Pfc.	Call, James E., Jr.	Sgt.
Bialik, Daniel A.	Pvt.	Caltabiano, Joseph R.	Pvt.
Bick, Charles R.	S/Sgt.	Canara, Manuel	Pvt.
Bierlein, Helmuth W.	Pfc.	Carine, Carol E.	T/3
		Cannon, John A.	Pfc.
		Carvin, Walter J.	Pfc.
		Capresecco, Fernando	Pvt.
		Capurro, George J.	Pfc.
		Cardillo, Charles M.	T/5
		Cardillo, Santo V.	Cpl.
		Carpenter, Tom	Pfc.
		Carr, Chester W.	Pvt.
		Carter, James C., Jr.	2/Lt.
		Carter, Thomas J.	Pfc.
		Casey,	
		Cathey, Leconte	2/Lt.
		Cavaleri, Augustine J.	Pfc.
		Chase, Claude W.	Sgt.
		Cheveretto, Raymond A.	Pfc.
		Christensen, Roy	2/Lt.
		Chuey, Frank C.	Pfc.
		Clark, Jay B.	Pfc.
		Clark, William R.	S/Sgt.
		Clarke, Fred	Sgt.
		Clay, Norman Clifford	Pfc.
		Clugston, Robert L.	T/5
		Cobb, Ira E.	Pvt.
		Coleman, Henry W.	Pfc.
		Comeau, Henry D.	Pfc.
		Compton, Forrest	Pfc.
		Concannon, Daniel E.	Pvt.
		Connelly, John J.	Pvt.
		Constantine, Kenneth R.	Cpl.
		Cook, George R.	Pfc.
		Cooney, Arthur E.	S/Sgt.
		Cordero, Jose A.	2/Lt.
		Cordova, Augustine	Pvt.
		Costello, Francis T.	Pvt.
		Councilman, Howard L.	Pvt.
		Cournoyer, Leo P.	Sgt.
		Crater, Julius R., Jr.	Pvt.
		Crislip, Robert J.	Pvt.
		Croft, John David	
		Cronce, Clifford	Pfc.
		Crow, James E.	Sgt.
		Crowne, Albert A.	Sgt.
		Cutler, Donald L.	Pfc.
		Cvitonovich, Steve M.	Pfc.
		Dahlstedt, Wallace E.	S/Sgt.
		Daniel, Lucius A., IV	Pfc.
		Davidson, Rodney E.	T/5
		Davis, Claude J.	2/Lt.
		Davis, Gene L.	Pfc.
		Davis, James M.	Pvt.
		Davis, Orval L.	Pvt.
		Davis, Orville C.	Pvt.
		Davis, Thomas B.	Pfc.
		Davy, Melvin R. (^2/Lt.)	T/Sgt.
		Davy, Melvin R. (	2/Lt.
		Day, Francis M.	Pfc.
		Delgado, John S.	S/Sgt.
		Deloney, Wilson B.	S/Sgt.
		Demko, George H.	Pfc.
		Dennison, Elbert J.	Pfc.
		Denny, Earl E.	T/4
		DeRuiter, Gerald	Pfc.
		Devaney, Robert E.	Pfc.
		Dewey, Helmer H.	1/Lt.
		Dickman, Sol	Pvt.
		Dillon, Robert	Pfc.
		Dilts, William N., Sr.	Pfc.
		Dimick, Victor	Pfc.
		Dion, Herbert J.	Pfc.
		Disbrowe, Allan L.	T/5
		DiSilvio, Carlo P.	Pvt.

254th Infantry Regimental Roster

The roster, from the unit history of the 63rd Infantry Division, includes members of the 254th Infantry Regiment. Here we have members of E Company. Claude Chase is listed in the third column, 7th from the top. His rank as sergeant.

Issue de l'Histoire de la 63e Division d'Infanterie, cette liste recense les membres du 254e Régiment, dont ceux de la compagnie E. Claude Chase y apparaît dans la troisième colonne, septième à partir du haut, avec le grade de sergent.

"Unit History - US, 63rd Infantry Division, 1943-1945: 254th Infantry Regiment Roster," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 18, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service Number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/306360211/254th-infantry-regiment-roster-page-34-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945>

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Military Service

Claude W Chase

in the U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

Detail

Source

Name	Claude W Chase
Gender	Male
Race	White (includes Mexican) (White)
Rank	Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Cadet or Student)
Admission Age	19
Birth Date	abt 1926 [abt 1926]
Admission Date	Jan 1945
Discharge Date	Jan 1945
Discharge Place	Not in Medical Installation Prior to Death
Military Branch	Infantry, General or Unspecified
Military Unit	2
Diagnosis	Diagnosis: Wound(s), character not stated (includes Wound(s), multiple, Not Elsewhere Classified; Wound(s) unqualified) with no nerve or artery involvement; Location: Skull, unqualified; CausativeAgent: Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified
Type of Injury	InjuryType: Battle casualty; InjuryType2: All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person
Service Number	31400452
Notes	None

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Hospital Record

Claude's hospital admission record from January 1945 revealed that a head wound from artillery shell fragments ultimately killed him after reaching a field hospital for treatment. Claude was only 19 years old.

Le registre d'admission à l'hôpital de Claude, daté de janvier 1945, signale qu'il est mort des suites d'une blessure à la tête causée par des éclats d'obus. Il n'avait que 19 ans.

"US, World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed September 16, 2025), entry for Claude Wesley Chase, service number 31400452

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61817/records/456967?tid=&pid=&queryId=4f5ef229-ad61-4885-a7fb-9910c40789fc&_phsrc=GHn254&_phstart=successSource

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MORNING REPORT									
ORGANIZATION		STATION OR LOCATION		NAME		SERIAL NUMBER		GRADE	
Co E		254th Inf Regt		Nell Henry E		20805606		Pvt	
By to AMOL 30 Jan 45									
Chase Claude W		31400452		Sgt					
By to KIA since 29 Jan 45 & dropped fr rolls									
Monte Woodrow		34920780		Pfc					
By to LIA evac to hosp since 29 Jan 45									
trfd D/P 7th A per cir 69 STUSA									
McHughes Raymond E		38665463		Pvt					
By to LIA evac to hosp since 31 Jan 45									
trfd D/P 7th A per cir 69 STUSA									

DATE	AREA	STATUS	TOTAL	ATTEND	PRESENT		ATTEND				TOTAL
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2	2		2		2						
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TOTAL	106/7	106/7	106/7		106/7						1

I CERTIFY THAT THIS MORNING REPORT IS CORRECT.

SIGNATURE: *Robert A. Scruton* NAME OF SCRUTON: **ROBERT A. SCRUTON**

1st Lt Inf

Morning Report for February 2, 1945

The morning report for E Company of the 254th Infantry Regiment for February 2, 1945, listed Claude W. Chase as Killed In Action (KIA) on January 29, 1945.

Le rapport matinal du 2 février 1945 de la Compagnie E du 254e Régiment d'Infanterie signale que Claude W. Chase a été tué au combat le 29 janvier 1945.

"Unit History - US, 63rd Infantry Division, 1943-1945: Unit Morning Reports, 254th Infantry Regiment: File 12 - E Co," database, *Fold3*, (*fold3.com*: Accessed September 18, 2025), Entry for Claude Chase, service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/292281942/file-12-e-co-page-31-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945>

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No Distinctive Insignia Authorized	63rd Infantry Division
	15 Jun 43 activated at Cp Blanding Fla and trained under VII and III Corps; moved 22 Aug 43 to Cp Van Dorn Miss and trained under IX and XXI Corps; staged at Cp Shanks N.Y. 28 Dec 44 until departed New York P/E 5 Jan 45; arrived in France 14 Jan 45 and entered Germany 20 Mar 45; arrived Boston P/E 26 Sep 45 and inactivated at Cp Myles Standish Mass 27 Sep 45.
	Campaigns: Rhineland, Central Europe Aug 45 Loc: Bad Mergentheim Germany
Typical Organization (1944/45):	
253rd Infantry Regiment 254th Infantry Regiment 255th Infantry Regiment HHB Division Artillery 718th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm) 861st Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) 862nd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) 863rd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm) 63rd Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz 70th Tank Battalion (attached 12 Mar 45–18 Mar 45) 740th Tank Battalion (attached 17 Mar 45–28 Mar 45) 753rd Tank Battalion (attached 31 Mar 45–28 May 45) 692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 30 Mar 45–31 Mar 45) 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 16 Mar 45–21 Mar 45) 822nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (attached 6 Feb 45–17 Mar 45, 21 Mar 45–28 May 45) 436th AAA Auto-Wpns Battalion (attached 11 Feb 45–1 May 45)	263rd Engineer Combat Battalion 363rd Medical Battalion 63rd Counter Intelligence Corps Det Headquarters Special Troops Hqs Company, 63rd Infantry Division Military Police Platoon 763rd Ordnance Light Maintenance Company 63rd Quartermaster Company 563rd Signal Company
Overseas Wartime Assignments:	
Seventh Army - 10 Dec 44 XV Corps - 1 Feb 45 XXI Corps - 22 Feb 45 XV Corps - 21 Mar 45	XXI Corps - 26 Mar 45 VI Corps - 1 Apr 45 XXI Corps - 19 Apr 45 Seventh Army - 30 Apr 45
Commanders: MG Louis E. Hibbs: Jun 43 BG Frederick M. Harris: Aug 45	
Killed in Action: 861 Wounded in Action: 3,326 Died of Wounds: 113	
63rd Infantry Division Combat Narrative	
Advanced elements of the division arrived in Marseille France on 8 Dec 44, trained at Haguenau, and organized as Task Force Harris to protect the east flank of the drive on the Rhine. It defended the Vosges and Maginot Line area 22–30 Dec 44 and battled the German offensive south of Bitche 1–19 Jan 45. The rest of the division closed in Marseille France 14 Jan 45 and the division assembled at Willerwald on 2 Feb 45 as Task Force Harris was discontinued. The division conducted patrolling activity until 15 Feb 45 when the 255th Inf attacked the Bois de Blies Brucken and the 253rd Inf fought the Battle for Auersmacher 17–19 Feb 45. The division completed the reduction of the Welferding salient with the capture of Buebingen and Bliesransbach 24 Feb 45.	
The division renewed its attacks 3 Mar 45 as the 253rd Inf battled through heavily defended forest to Hahnsbusch 3–5 Mar 45. The division attacked the <i>West Wall</i> near Saarbruecken on 15 Mar 45 and took Fechingen, Eschringen, and Ensheim. After heavy combat the division breached a gap in the <i>West Wall</i> north of the latter town on 18 Mar 45. With the fall of St Ingbert and Hassel to 255th Inf on 20 Mar 45, the <i>West Wall</i> was pierced. After a brief rest, the division crossed the Rhine at Neuschloss on 28 Mar 45 and relieved the 44th Inf Div, crossing the Neckar in the Wieblingen area 30 Mar 45 and reaching Heidelberg. The division continued to advance behind the 10th Armd Div and	

Unit History of the 63rd Infantry Division (1 of 2)

Summary of the 63rd Infantry Division in Stanton's *Order of Battle*. The 63rd was activated at Camp Blanding, FL, in June 1943. The unit arrived in France in January 1945 and entered Germany in March 1945. The bottom of the page gives a brief combat narrative.

Résumé de la 63e Division d'Infanterie dans *L'ordre de bataille* de Stanton: La division a été activée à Camp Blanding (Floride) en juin 1943 ; elle est arrivée en France en janvier 1945 avant d'entrer en Allemagne en mars 1945. Le bas de la page présente un bref récit des combats.

Shelby L. Stanton, *Order of Battle, US Army, World War II* (Novato, California: Presidio Press, 1984).

<https://archive.org/details/orderofbattleusa00stan/page/135/mode/1up>

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fought through the region north of the Jagst River 3 Apr 45. The 253rd forced the river in the Griesheim-Herbolzheim region on 4 Apr 45 and fought house-to-house in Moeckmuehl. After frontal assaults against Hardenhauser Forest failed, the division enveloped the woods by 7 Apr 45. The 255th Inf reached the Kocher River and established a bridgehead at Weissbach 9 Apr 45.

The Kocher River bridgehead was expanded against strong German opposition and the 10th Armd Div attacked out of it 11 Apr 45. The division mopped up in that area and consolidated 14 Apr 45, returning to the attack the next day as it took Schwaebisch Hall with armored support by 18 Apr 45. The division seized the Rems Bridge at Unt Boebingen on 22 Apr 45 and leapfrogged battalions to reach the Danube River 25 Apr 45. The 254th Inf crossed the river on a damaged bridge in Riedheim and repulsed a German armored counterattack. The division was relieved 28 Apr 45 and withdrawn from the line. It was assigned security duty from the Rhine to Darmstadt and Wurzburg on a line to Stuttgart and Speyer, and was in this mode when hostilities were declared ended on 7 May 45.

Unit History of the 63rd Infantry Division (2 of 2)

Continuation of Stanton's combat narrative for the 63rd Infantry Division in World War II. It states that the unit was on "security duty" from the Rhine to Darmstadt and Wurzburg when hostilities ended on May 7, 1945 (officially on May 8, 1945).

Suite du récit des combats rapporté par Stanton consacré à la 63e Division d'Infanterie durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, informant que l'unité a mené des « missions de sécurité » du Rhin à Darmstadt et Wurtzbourg jusqu'à la fin des hostilités, le 7 mai 1945 (officiellement le 8 mai 1945).

Shelby L. Stanton, *Order of Battle, US Army, World War II* (Novato, California: Presidio Press, 1984).

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Chappell, Edward A.	Pfc.	AT	254 Inf.
Chappell, Gilbert L. (T/5^)	2/Lt.	F	255 Inf.
Chappell, Gilbert L. (^2/Lt.	T/5	G	255 Inf.
Chappell, Thomas H., II	Pvt.	C	861 FA
Charatz, Milton	T/5	F	255 Inf.
Charbeneau, Norman S.	Pfc.	L	253 Inf.
Charbeneau, Paul J.	T/5	L	253 Inf.
Charbonneau, Lloyd J.	Pfc.	Recon	63 Div.
Charette, Harold G.	S/Sgt.	2 Hq.	254 Inf.
Charette, Harold G.	S/Sgt.	SV	254 Inf.
Charette, Leonard E.	T/5	H	255 Inf.
Charitan, Ivan M.	Pfc.	B	263 Eng.
Charlton, Johnny	Cpl.		255 Inf.
Charles, Donald Embvry	Sgt.		253 Inf.
Charles, Donald Embvry	Sgt.	F	255 Inf.
Charles, George	Pvt.	?	
Charles, John R.	2/Lt.	C	255 Inf.
Charles, John R.	2/Lt.	HQ	255 Inf.
Charles, Roy R.	Lt.		718 FA
Charles, Vernal G.	Pfc.	K	255 Inf.
Charlestein, Morton	Pfc.	2 Hq.	253 Inf.
Charleston, Edward L.	Cpl.	QM	63 Div.
Charley, John J.	T/5	Signal	563
Charney, Abraham NMI	Pfc.	D	255 Inf.
Charnovitz, Robert	Pvt.	H	255 Inf.
Charters, Donald L.	Sgt.	A	263 Eng.
Charters, Donald L.	Sgt.	C	263 Eng.
Chartkoff, Isaac	Pvt.	K	254 Inf.
Chartkoff, Issac	Pvt.	SV	862 FA
Charton, Paul J.	Pvt.	I	255 Inf.
Chase, Clarence G.	Cpl.	2 Hq.	253 Inf.
KIA Chase, Claude W.	Sgt.	E	254 Inf.
Chase, Francis T., Jr.	2/Lt.	E	255 Inf.
Chase, Francis T., Jr.	2/Lt.	HQ	255 Inf.
Chase, Kenneth L.	Pfc.	AT	253 Inf.
Chase, Lawrence J.	Pfc.	QM	63 Div.
Chase, Lester E.	T/5	AT	255 Inf.
Chase, Warren O.	T/5	D	253 Inf.
Chasen, (Harold?)		3 Hq.	255 Inf.
Chasen, Harold	1/Lt.	?	
Chaskelberg, Sidney	Pfc.	B	253 Inf.
Chasse, Maurice	Pvt.	E	255 Inf.
Chastain, Charles M.	Pvt.	1 Hq.	255 Inf.
Chastain, Charles M.	Pvt.	F	255 Inf.
Chastain, Clell C.	T/5	B	863 FA
Chastain, Hosea	Pfc.	F	255 Inf.
Chastain, James E.	T/5	C	254 Inf.
Chastain, William G.	T/4	HQ	63 Div.
Chastenay, Reginald A.	Pfc.	SV	254 Inf.
Chateau, Edward J.	Pfc.	SV	718 FA
Chatham, Thomas W.	Pvt.	QM	63 Div.

Alphabetical Roster for the 63rd Infantry Division.

The roster of men who served in the 63rd Infantry Division listed Claude as a sergeant in Company E of the 254th Infantry Regiment, who was as Killed In Action (KIA).

Cette page, issue de la liste des effectifs ayant servi dans la 63e Division d'Infanterie, indique que Claude W. Chase était sergent dans la compagnie E du 254e Régiment d'Infanterie et qu'il a été tué au combat (KIA).

"Alphabetical Roster of All Men Assigned to the 63rd Infantry Division During the Period 15 June through August 1945-" database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 15, 2025), entry for Claude W Chase, service number 31400452.

[https://www.63rdinfdiv.com/files/0003-Complete Alphabetical Roster of Division Personnel-1-signed.pdf](https://www.63rdinfdiv.com/files/0003-Complete%20Alphabetical%20Roster%20of%20Division%20Personnel-1-signed.pdf)

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Canine, Carol E	T/3	35254572	Med Det	27-Jan-45
Carchio, Albert Jr	T/5	42008046	Med Det	23-Jan-45
Carr, Floyd T. Jr	S/Sgt	37633991	I	18-Mar-45
Castoria, Daniel V	Pfc	42076185	C	25-Apr-45
Chamberlain, Richard F (NBD)	T/5	32955794	Hq	17 Feb 45
Chase, Claude W	Sgt	31400452	E	29-Jan-45
Cipriani, Peter	Pfc	33615067	F	9-Apr-45
Clark, Arthur H	Pfc	35240509	C	18-Apr-45
Cogar, Annis E	Pfc	39049708	D	9-Apr-45
Cole, Robert F	Pfc	36451082	B	26-Apr-45
Collette, Jack M	S/Sgt	20710921	B	26-Apr-45
Collins, Rexford C	Sgt	33700572	C	4-Feb-45
Cooper, Raymond W	Pfc	35848829	C	8-Apr-45
Corl, Robert D	Pfc	33935328	C	27-Jan-45
Coulter, Tollton E	1/Lt	01328125	C	26-Apr-45
Cox, Paul	Pfc	38664428	K	18-Mar-45
Cozart, Bobby Joe	Pvt	38633965	F	15-Mar-45
Crownnecklace, Thomas V	Pvt	17005552	A	30-Jan-45
Curry, Hugh R	Pfc	31417239	A	15-Apr-45
Cutler, Donald L	Pfc	39603009	E	8-Apr-45
Dale, Jim K. Jr	Pvt	38550979	B	2-Apr-45
Dalton, Elbridge H	Pfc	35817154	A	23-Jan-45
D'Amato, Andrew V	Sgt	42075870	B	2 Apr 45
Dargenio, Julius P	Sgt	32725141	F	18-Mar-45
Davidson, Charles W	T/4	33795086	Med Det	9-Apr-45
Davis, Gene L	Pfc	34922778	E	9-Mar-45
Dawida, Michael	T/Sgt	33419836	I	17-Apr-45
DeHart, Clarence W	Sgt	34596083	D	3-Feb-45
DeLion, Thomas E	Pfc	37490647	F	9-Apr-45
Dellivenneri, Nicholas	Pvt	42177529	AT	12-Apr-45
DeMario, Frank J	S/Sgt	33085400	L	9-Apr-45
Demko, Michael	Pvt	33705394	F	28-Jan-45
Dencer, Bertram E	T/Sgt	35013434	B	16-Jan-45
Dennehy, Daniel J	Sgt	12226881	C	3-Mar-45
Desjardins, Joseph R	Pfc	31350560	L	8-Apr-45
DiAntonio, Arthur J	2/Lt	01315146	A	29-Jan-45
Dillow, Allen W	Pvt	35846287	F	18-Mar-45
Dingle, Hugh	Pfc	33939398	B	26-Apr-45
Dobler, Karl G	Pfc	33930871	Med Det	19-Apr-45
Dolin, Joseph	Pfc	13122436	Hq 1st	16-Apr-45
Dunlavy, Burt	Pfc	37692936	C	25-Jan-45
Duval, Gerald D	2/Lt	02011520	H	17 Apr 45

Roster of dead in the 254th Infantry Regiment.

Claude's name appeared in the Unit History of the 254th Infantry Regiment, which listed members of the 254th killed in Europe in 1945.

Claude Chase apparaît dans un extrait de l'histoire du 254e Régiment d'Infanterie qui présente les membres du régiment tués en Europe en 1945.

"254th Infantry Regimental Deaths in Europe," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed September 17, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/306360268/254th-infantry-regimental-deaths-in-europe-page-3-unit-history-us-63rd-infantry-division-1943-1945?terms=254th%2C31400452%2Cinfantry%2Cregiment%2Cdivision%2Cchase%2Cclaud%2C63rd&view=info>

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TURNER CLAYTON W 31317348 PFC FOD
TURNER CLIFFORD C 31000010 SGT KIA
TURNER ROBERT L 31400967 PFC KIA
VOISINE EDWARD 31471503 PFC DON
VOISINE EDWIN NHI 31462945 PVT DOW
WEDBERG ALF E 31462969 PFC KIA
WICINS LYLE D 31398395 SGT KIA
WILES GEORGE 31222220 PFC DNB
WILLIAMS EUGENE V 01167283 1 LT KIA
WILLIAMS FLOYD E JR 31317598 PFC KIA
WOOD ARTHUR 31147102 PVT DNB
WRIGHT PHILIP E 31401319 PFC KIA
YOUNG LEVERETT L 20146529 SGT KIA

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

ADAMS JOE C 31400793 PFC KIA
ALLEN AUSTIN W 20148855 PVT DNB
ANDERSON DONALD P 11068455 T SC DNB
ANDERSON JOEL H 31217133 PFC DOW
ARMSTRONG L R JR 11097361 SGT DNB
ARSENault ROBERT J 31319171 PFC DOW
ARSENault LAWRENCE J 31100874 PFC KIA
ARSENault CLAYTON M 11122109 AV C DNB
ASPINWALL BERNARD J 31400575 PFC KIA
AUCLAIR JOSEPH A 31466138 PVT KIA
AVANZATO DOMINICK 20148056 SGT DNB
BACHELDER FRANKLIN P 31323215 PVT KIA
BADGER GLENN C 11098086 SGT DNB
BAILEY NORMAN C 20135040 PVT DNB
BAHFORTH LEON L 11016909 T SC KIA
BARNES SAHUEL H 31322186 PFC DNB
BARRIAULT EDGAR E 31323043 PFC KIA
BARTER GUY M 31027399 S SC DOW
BENNETT EARL 11029132 PVT KIA
BENNETT EDWARD E 31321820 PFC KIA
BENSON CALVIN S 31321115 PFC KIA
BERNARD GEORGE J JR 0-817569 2 LT FOD
BERNARD ROLAND G 31399330 PVT KIA
BERNIER CAMILLE J 31399576 PFC DOW
BERRY DEXTER W 31100877 SGT KIA
BERRY MARTIN J 31320351 PVT DOW
BLAKE LESLIE C 31194532 1 SG DNB
BODGE PHILIP W 31398120 CPL DNB
BONANG JAMES H 31101272 T SC DNB
BOOTH DONALD H 11097568 TEC5 KIA
BOUCHER PHILIPPE A 31456510 PFC KIA
BOULOS JOSEPH A 0-728164 1 LT KIA
BOURNE THOMAS S 11013309 PVT DNB
BOWDEN EUGENE R 31085694 PFC KIA
BOWER ERNEST H 31216692 PFC KIA
BOYLE CHARLES E 31399284 PFC KIA
BRADURY WALLACE A 31219948 CPL KIA
BRAHSON IRVING 31356745 PVT KIA
BRIGHAN HALCOLM G 31398138 CPL KIA
BRIGGS CHARLES K 31398207 SGT KIA
BROWN CLIFFORD A 31351966 TEC5 KIA
BRYANT RALPH C JR 31219969 PFC DNB
BUCK JAMES J JR 31217263 PFC KIA
BUCK LELAND S JR 0-832090 2 LT KIA
BUDDEN BURRELL B 01322211 2 LT KIA
BURKE EVERETT H W2109856 C NO KIA
BURHARD EDWIN C 01945547 1 LT DNB
CAMPBELL JOHN E 31320977 PFC KIA
CAMPBELL LAWRENCE J 31402037 PVT KIA
CAMPBELL RUSSELL J 31153912 S SC KIA

CARD RAYMOND L 20147790 CPL KIA
CARON RAYMOND W 31153854 PFC KIA
CARR CHARLES M 31466143 PFC DOW
CARSON CHESTER G 31391376 PVT KIA
CARSON WILTON F 31317839 PFC KIA
CHADBOURNE DONALD E 31321105 PFC KIA
CHADBOURNE CHARLES E 31067979 S SC DNB
CHAMBERLAIN ROLAND H 0-887088 2 LT KIA
CHASE CLAUDE W 31400452 SGT KIA
CHASSON GERARD J 31319357 SGT KIA
CHURCHILL RICHARD 0-790516 CAPT KIA
CLARK EDWARD H 31399023 PVT KIA
CLARK JOHN W 31319640 PVT KIA
CLARKE EDWARD K 31152514 S SC KIA
CLOUDMAN F H JR 0-026012 CAPT DNB
COBURN RAYMOND H 11068453 S SC KIA
COFFIN ARTHUR L 31218523 PVT KIA
COGINS GERALD E JR 31401854 PVT KIA
COLLINS CLAYTON F 31319581 CPL DNE
COLLINS FRANCIS P JR 31321506 PFC KIA
COLPITTS CLARENCE C 31117361 PVT KIA
COLPITTS GEORGE D 20143526 PVT DNB
CONLEY JOHN T 11013488 PFC KIA
CONLEY PHILIP J 31219085 S SC KIA
COOK WILLIAM J 31219789 PFC DNB
COOKE ROBERT H 31218042 S SC KIA
CORRIER ALVRE J 31322508 PVT KIA
COWELLIS LAUREN L 31150223 PFC KIA
COX BENJAMIN 01304348 2 LT KIA
COYLE LEO R JR 31321370 S SC KIA
CRABTREE PARKER F 31116392 S SC FOD
CRESSEY FRED S JR 31402045 PFC KIA
CRIBBY JOSEPH W JR 31280669 PVT DNB
CROCE LOUIS A 31320161 PFC KIA
CROCKER HAROLD E 31400737 PVT KIA
CROCKER KENNETH E 6149291 PFC FOL
CULLETON JOHN H 31317046 PFC DNB
CUNNINGHAM THOMAS J 02037404 2 LT DNB
CURRY WILLIAM 6498422 TEC5 KIA
DAMONE JOHN A 31400619 PFC KIA
DARLING ARTHUR G 31402245 PVT KIA
DAUPHINEE EDGAR V JR 31320674 PFC KIA
DAVIS AUSTIN W 31399291 PVT KIA
DAVIS EDWARD B 0124717 2 LT KIA
DAVIS WALTER N 11068354 CPL DNB
DE MONTE MICHAEL A 31398674 PVT KIA
DE RENNE ARNOLD D 31217301 PFC KIA
DE WOLF EDWARD B 31151117 CPL DNB
DEARBORN WESLEY C 11068391 AV C DNB
DEMERRITT ROBERT E 0-009822 COL DNB
DODGE JOHN C 31100863 PFC DOW
DENNETT DONOVAN K 0-821305 2 LT KIA
DENNIS WILLIAM J 31218400 PFC DNB
DEVLIN BERNARD J 31116228 CPL KIA
DI NUNTO 7-065396 PL O DNB
DODGE JOHN C 31319732 S SC KIA
DOLLEY HERBERT I 31256350 PFC DOW
DONAGHUE MICHAEL F 31152185 CPL FOD
DONAHUE PAUL T 31400361 PFC KIA
DOUGLASS CHARLES A 11013121 TEC4 DOW
DRISCOLL DANIEL H 6134001 N SC DNB
DROWN CALVIN L 31399301 PVT DNB
DROWN HARRIS M 31101797 SGT DNB
DUPRESNE EDMOND J 0-431268 CAPT KIA
DUNBAR ROGER D 31100661 SGT DNE
DYER VERNON E 31177556 S SC KIA
DYER VERNON E 31029482 TEC5 DNB
EASTMAN LEVI W 31153515 PVT DNB
ELLIS WALLACE C 0-796610 2 LT KIA
ELWELL KENNETH L 31468698 PFC KIA

EMERY LEONARD H 0-792009 1 LT KIA
ERICKSEN HAROLD A 0-250180 LT C KIA
FARESE EDWARD E 31305099 PVT KIA
FARNELL IRVING A 31465121 PFC KIA
FASULO PHILIP J 31399081 PVT KIA
FERGUSON WILLIAM F 6149192 S SC DNB
FILLMORE WILLARD W 31116248 PFC DNB
FORRESTALL HOWARD N 11068050 AV C DNB
FORTIER BERTRAND J H 31218030 PVT DNB
FORTIN CHARLES A 31152090 SGT KIA
FORTIN WALTER E 11122267 CPL KIA
FOSTER ARVNER L 31328002 PFC DNB
FOWLER JOHN C 31130006 CPL DNB
FOWLER RICHARD B 0-819783 2 LT KIA
FRASER GORDON S 31398991 S SC KIA
FRAZEE WINTHROP T 0-727328 2 LT FOD
FRENCH SCOTT S 11068425 PVT KIA
FRIL FRANKLYN 11076606 PVT KIA
GAIN CHARLES W 6154258 PVT DNB
GALLANT EDWARD 31117692 S SC KIA
GALLANT THOMAS E 20149329 SGT KIA
GAULT JOHN W JR 11120261 SGT KIA
GILMAN ROBERT C 31216859 TEC5 DNB
GILMAN ROBERT C 7-123387 PL O KIA
GLASS EARLE W 31322524 PVT KIA
GLENN EUGENE S 31117612 S SC KIA
GLODE DANIEL H 31322697 PFC KIA
GOLDSTEIN EDWARD R 11120888 S SC KIA
GOODRICH JOSEPH E 01310706 1 LT KIA
GOODRICH RAY 1069249 PVT DNB
GORNLEY JOHN E 31117607 T SC FOD
GRAHAM ROLAND H 31401732 PFC KIA
GREGORY JOHN H 31217889 TEC5 KIA
GRIFITH GEORGE R 11097904 CPL DNB
GRINHER STEWART W 0-386730 1 LT KIA
GROVER WILLIAM A 31101806 TEC4 DNB
GUIMOND RAY J 31321821 SGT DNB
GUPTILL LLOYD W 31116407 PVT KIA
HALL LONEL H 31152440 PVT DNB
HALL PERLEY B 01320001 2 LT KIA
HALLIWELL EUGENE H 0-393127 MAJ DNB
HAMILTON WILLIAM L 11013204 TEC5 KIA
HANSCOM LAITH W 31218112 AV C DNB
HARRISON CHRISTIAN N 11220300 PFC KIA
HARDY JAMES C 31217796 PFC KIA
HARRON FRANKLIN A 31116960 T SC KIA
HASTEY ERROLD 31222697 PFC KIA
HAWKES ARTHUR E 31433430 PFC KIA
HAZEL RICHARD L 01321910 1 LT FOL
HELLMAN ERNEST H 31321926 PVT KIA
HELSTON BERNARD C 11013619 PVT KIA
HERSEY PHILIP W 31320001 SGT FOD
HENNEY RICHARD S 31317051 PVT KIA
HINDS JOSEPH M 31150598 SGT KIA
HODGINS CHARLES S 6146855 PVT KIA
HODGKINS HERMAN F 31400490 PVT DNB
HOLLAND EDWARD D 11068022 PVT DOW
HOOPER STUART W 31101810 PFC KIA
HORN HAROLD V 31153782 SGT KIA
HOUGHTON CHARLES F 0-005601 COL DNB
HOUSE WILLIAM R 31100825 TEC5 DNB
HOWARD JAMES E 31116257 PFC KIA
HUDSON THOMAS G 01101503 CAPT KIA
IOVINE JAMES J 31399199 PFC DNB
IVERSON JAMES M 61469215 S SC KIA
JAMES GEORGE E 31320332 PFC KIA
JENSEN BERNARD A 31152823 PVT DNE
JODRIE KENNETH F 31122437 S SC KIA
JONES JOSEPH J 31323047 TEC5 KIA
JORDAN LLOYD E 31151007 S SC KIA

World War II Honor List of the Dead and Missing

Claude is listed on the honor list of the dead and missing under Cumberland County, ME, as KIA.

La liste d'honneur des morts et disparus de l'Armée et des forces aériennes américaines mentionne Claude W. Chase, du comté de Cumberland, dans le Maine, comme mort au combat.

"World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces," database, Fold3 (fold3.com: Accessed October 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

<https://www.fold3.com/image/310763465/maine-page-7-us-wwii-army-and-army-air-force-casualty-list-1946>

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NO	GRADE	NAME	STATUS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
200		CHASE ALEX	NKI	PVT	42003921	1
291	C 1	41CHASE ALFRED W		PVT	545207	3
503	B 33	29CHASE ARTHUR W		PVT	31435505	1
1202	A 38	4CHASE BENJAMIN B	2 LT	O	797470	1
3503	C 17	85CHASE CARL I	S SG		15127149	1
		CHASE CARL R	TECS		16012135	1
		CHASE CHARLES D				5
1200		CHASE CLAUDE W	SGT		31400452	1
7701	A 5	70CHASE DONALD D	PFC		17048537	1
3503	A 19	16CHASE DUDLEY S	1 LT	O	1051904	1
		CHASE EDGAR C	LCDR		71513	2
		CHASE EDWARD E	FL O	T	125351	1
6100		CHASE ELVIS E	PFC		16016537	1
492	B	1163CHASE EMERY FREELAND	PFC		459695	3
7200		CHASE ERNEST W JR	PVT		17123745	1
		CHASE FRANCIS H	S SG		31326812	1
1100		CHASE FRANK C	CPL		31277392	1
3503	D 16	39CHASE FRANKLIN J	2 LT	O	2006040	1
		CHASE GALE J	1 LT	O	677984	1
7900		CHASE GUY LAVEONE	SEA2		3724087	2
1400		CHASE HARLAND F	PVT		976555	3
		CHASE HARRY D	Z		303614	5

The National Archives Roster of the Dead displays Claude Chase's name, service number, and highest rank, SGT.

Le registre des morts des Archives nationales cite le nom de Claude Chase, son numéro de matricule et son grade le plus élevé (Sergent - SGT).

“US, Rosters of World War II Dead,” database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed October 12, 2025), Entry for Claude W Chase, Service number 31400452.

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Legacy

Norridgewock Boy Reported Killed In Action

NORRIDGEWOCK, Feb. 20—Mr. And Mrs. Vaughn Chase of Norridgewock, formerly of Perham, Me., have received word that their son, Sgt. Claude Chase, 19, was killed in action on January 29, 1945, while serving with the infantry in France.

Sgt. Chase entered the Army in January 1944 and received his training at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi. He arrived overseas in December, 1944.

Transcription of news from *The Bangor Daily News*

A newspaper article from Bangor's *The Bangor Daily News* indicated that the Army informed the Chase family of their son's death in February 1945.

Cet extrait d'un article publié dans un journal régional de Bangor (Maine) révèle que l'armée a informé la famille Chase du décès de son fils en février 1945.

"Norridgewock Boy Reported Killed in Action," *The Bangor Daily News* (Bangor, Maine), February 21, 1945, Newspapers.com.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/663330479/?match=1&terms=Claude%20Chase>

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Cenotaph

Claude's memorial stone, or cenotaph, in Fairview Cemetery, Perham in Aroostook County, ME. It displays his name and that he was "killed in France" on January 29, 1945.

La pierre commémorative, ou cénotaphe, de Claude W. Chase, au cimetière Fairview, à Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine), indique son nom et qu'il a été « tué en France » le 29 janvier 1945.

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Claude W. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/152836712/claude_wesley-chase

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The image shows a 1950 United States Federal Census form for Somerset, Maine. The form is titled "1950 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING" and is part of the "U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS" series. It is a "P1" form, which is the first page of the census for a household. The form is filled out for the household of Claude Chase, who is the head of the household. The household includes Claude Chase (head), Isabelle Chase (wife), Vivian Chase (daughter), and Vaughn Chase (son). The form also lists other household members, including Claude Chase's mother, Elizabeth Chase, and his father, Thomas Chase. The form includes sections for "FOR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD", "FOR ALL PERSONS", and "FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER". The form is filled out with handwritten information, including names, ages, and occupations. The form is dated "APR 1950" and is signed by "Claude Chase" as the head of the household.

1950 Federal Census

In 1950, Chase's family, Vaughn, Isabelle, and Vivian, lived in Somerset County, ME. Claude's other siblings are not listed, likely because they had moved out to start their own families.

En 1950, Vaughn, Isabelle et Vivian Chase vivaient encore ensemble, tandis que les autres membres de la fratrie avaient probablement quitté le foyer familial pour fonder leur propre famille.

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, Ancestry (ancestry.com: Accessed October 12, 2025), Entry for Vaughn W Chase, Norridgewock, Somerset, Maine.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62308/records/16928142>

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Headstone

Claude's father, Vaughn, died in 1965. His headstone is located in the same cemetery as Claude's memorial stone, Fairview Cemetery in Perham, Aroostook County, ME.

La pierre tombale de Vaughn Chase, père de Claude, décédé en 1965, située dans le même cimetière que la pierre commémorative de Claude, au cimetière Fairview de Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Vaughn W. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138273546/vaughn_wesley-chase

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Headstone

Claude's mother, Isabelle, died in 1993 and is also buried in Fairview Cemetery in Perham, Aroostook County, ME.

La pierre tombale d'Isabelle Holt Chase, la mère de Claude, décédée en 1993. Elle se trouve également au cimetière Fairview de Perham, dans le comté d'Aroostook (Maine).

"Find a Grave", database, (findagrave.com: accessed November 11, 2025), memorial page for Isabel H. Chase, Fairview Cemetery, Perham, Aroostook County, Maine.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/138273564/isabel_pansy-chase

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Memorial for US Dead in Jepsheim, France

The memorial honoring the US soldiers who died in the fighting to liberate Jepsheim lists the regiments involved, including the 254th Infantry Regiment, to which Claude belonged.

Le mémorial rendant hommage aux soldats américains morts au combat lors de la libération de Jepsheim répertorie les régiments impliqués, dont le 254e régiment d'infanterie, auquel appartenait Claude.

Florida France Soldier Stories collection, credit to Dr. Amelia Lyons.

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Memorial for US Dead in Jepsheim, France

The memorial in Jepsheim, France, commemorates the members of the 254th Infantry Regiment, including Claude, who died while taking the town.

Le mémorial de Jepsheim, en France, rend hommage aux membres du 254e régiment d'infanterie, dont le sergent Claude Chase, qui ont perdu la vie lors de la libération du village en janvier 1945.

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