



Staff Sergeant Grant Wilson Anderton

Grant Wilson Anderton, a son of Charles Isaac and Eva Wilson Anderton, was born on December 24, 1914 in Henefer, Utah. He graduated from North Summit High School. He entered the army on December 12, 1942 and was sent to Camp Howze, Texas for training. After finishing basic training, he was assigned to the 157th Infantry Regiment. The regiment was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division.

On November of 1943, SSgt. Anderton was deployed to North Africa and then to Italy. He participated in the Anzio landing and on February 26, 1944, he was killed in action. His body was returned home and he was buried in the Henefer, Utah cemetery.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his father and mother; four sisters, Mrs. H. E. Williams (Ethel), Mrs. F. D. Williams (Dorthy), Mrs. Dee Burton (Ruth), Mrs. Jack Arnold (Ruby) and a brother, Charles Ray Anderton. He was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd David.

The 45th division was first activated in World War I and was designated as a division for the National Guard units from the states of Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. In World War II, it was comprised of guard units from Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The division insignia is a golden thunder bird on a red square. The four states that originally formed the division are represented by the four sides of the patch. The "Thunderbird" represents an Indian symbol that means "sacred bearer of happiness unlimited" and the colors represent the early Spanish that explored the area. The division's nickname is the "Thunderbird." Two other regiments, the 179th and the 180th were assigned to the division. The division's motto is "*Semper Anticus*" which means "Always Forward".

The 157th Rregiment's Distinctive Unit Insignia is red and yellow and the colors stand for the region that the Spanish explored. The two Indian Teepees stand for service that the regiment performed in the Indian wars. The Philippine Sea Lion signifies the fortification of Manilla taken from the lineage when the unit fought in the Philippine insurrection.



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Distinctive Unit Insignia