

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

February 23, 1945.

The Oklahoma Historical Society,
Historical Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen: In Re: Capt. Orville O. Black.

Mr. Black was born Centrahoma, Oklahoma, May 25, ~~1910~~, moved to Oklahoma City in 1922, where he went through grade school and attended Classen Highschool.

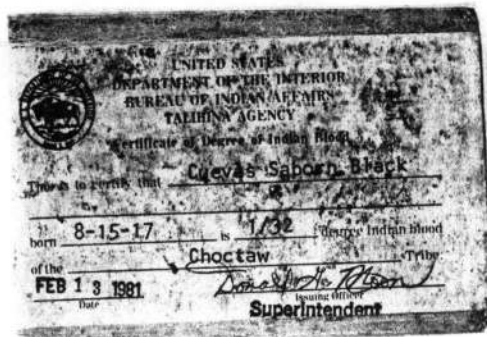
In 1935 he jointed the Army, served three years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was discharged in 1937. Was employed by Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company at Oklahoma City. He re-enlisted in San Francisco early in 1938.

After serving some time in the infantry and Coast artillery, he took a short discharge and re-enlisted for overseas service in Honolulu. He continued his study in San Francisco and Honolulu, receiving several promotions. December 7, 1941, he was stationed at Hickam Field, when the call came of the Jap attack. He jumped into his car and started to the field. His car was machinegunned, striking the car 32 times.

Shortly afterwards he was transferred to Aberdeen, Maryland. After three months training he was commissioned a Lieutenant and sent to Savana, Georgia, where he stayed a short while and was transferred to Fort Dixon, New Jersey, going overseas in July of 1942, he landed at Oran, Africa November 8, 1943. He served through the African and Sicilian campaign. After landing in Italy on a reconnoitering expedition he ran into a stonewall near Manduria, where he was wounded on November 28, 1943, and died November 29, 1943.

On November 7, 1941 he married Sally Groswell of Little Rock, Arkansas, a Lieutenant nurse.

The survivors are are his wife, Sally Black, and his father, George O. Black, Richmond, California, his mother Mrs. John C. Lindsay, 814 West 8th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his brother C. S. Black, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma.



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Thank you C.S. Black*

UNITED STATES

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GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA

ROBERT S. KERR

To all my fellow citizens I say: We shall overcome. We shall.

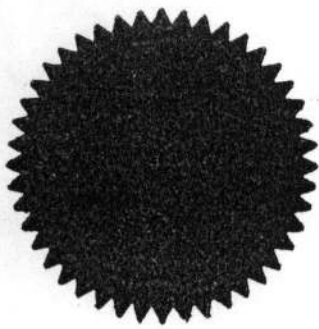
In appreciation of the supreme sacrifice for country and mankind made in World War II by

ORVILLE ORLANDO BLACK

The State of Oklahoma offers to his family and friends this token of gratitude and sympathy. May the memory of this man's glorious sacrifice be preserved in the hearts of his fellow citizens to the end that each shall give a greater service to his community, state and country.

In Testimony of the above, I have caused the Secretary of State to attest this certificate and caused these letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma hereto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Oklahoma City this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and forty six, the one hundred and seventy first year of the Independence of the United States and the fortieth year of the State of Oklahoma.



Attest

Katherine Stanton

Secretary of State

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The Governor of the State of Oklahoma