



**Clarence William Barbour (192. – 1943)**

There is a single entry found in New Brunswick, New Jersey about a SGT Clarence W. Barbour who was listed as a resident of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, NJ. He was in the United States Army and his date of birth is not yet known.

In addition, there is an article in the *San Diego Union* newspaper about SGT Clarence William Barbour, US Army. He was the son of Mrs. Max P. Richardson of Chula Vista CA. He was reported as killed in action in July, 1943 in the North Africa area. He was serving with the paratroopers.

The Chula Vista Branch of the U. S. Army Mothers was named in his honor. His mother was instrumental in the founding of the Chula Vista branch of the U.S. Army Mothers and is the vice commander of the “Sgt. Clarence Barbour” Post. His brother is also in the army and currently fighting in Italy (as of January, 1944). A street in the Montecito Ridge subdivision of Otay Ranch honors his name.

Reference: *San Diego Union* newspaper January 17, 1944, Page 8, Column 1

Of note, the only reference found regarding Paratroops in the Western Mediterranean in July follows:

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force)

In Sicily during the night of 9/10 July, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) Wellingtons bomb Catania, Syracuse, the Syracuse Isthmus seaplane base and the railroad station at Syracuse, and Caltagirone; North-west African Air Force Troop Carrier Command flies airborne operations to drop **British and US paratroops**; the US Seventh and British Eighth Armies make amphibious landings on the S and SE coast of Sicily. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) A-36's hit railroads, road junctions, trains, and vehicles while P-40's fly cover for amphibious landings. NATAF light and medium bombers hit airfields at Sciacca, Canicatti, Ponte Olivo, and Trapani, and towns and surrounding areas of Caltagirone and Palazzolo. Throughout the day NASAF B-17's and B-25's bomb Milo and Sciacca Airfields, Gerbini satellite fields, and towns of Palazzolo and Caltanissetta, Sicily. P-38's on sweep strafe radar installation. HQ 3d Air Defense Wing transfers from Tunisia to Licata, Sicily:



SGT. CLARENCE W. HARBOCK  
... reported killed!

