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Wallace B. Truitt received his Purple Heart  
for being hit with shrapnel from a

30 caliber machine gun bullet fired at him  
flying over Cologne, Germany in a B 24  
March 28, 1944. He was the only one hit of  
the ten member crew. Wallace was a navigator, he  
was 21 yrs. old, a staff sergeant in U.S. Army  
Air Force during WWII.

Wallace received the Purple Heart at Sheppham Air  
Force Base Sheppham, England. 1945. He received  
the medal from Col. McAtee, Squadron Commander.

Immediately after being hit Wallace was sent to the  
hospital in near Sheppham, England for 3 or 4 days and  
then flew another mission over Germany.

Wallace flew back to the States in June, 1945 and  
was discharged July, 1945. Landed on east coast then  
took the train west to California. He was 22 yrs old

Wallace was a college student at Los Angeles City College, Calif.  
when he enlisted April 1, 1942 at Los Angeles, California.  
Then was sent by train to San Antonio, Texas to  
air force base for <sup>Registration</sup> ~~training~~. Then to primary training  
at Vernon, Texas for flight school and flew PT 19's  
washed out then sent <sup>to</sup> Lubbock, Texas then Garden City,  
Kansas then to another city in Texas then to  
Arkadelphia, Arkansas for navigation school. Then  
to Peterson Air Force Base Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
Then to

Navigators School Eastern Bushes  
not drafted but enlisted