

War Era Story Project 2012

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My father, Robert J Allen, lived in Columbus, Ohio, and attended Grandview High School. He was a senior and was drafted. He was supposed to be sent over in 1944, in time for the Battle of the Bulge, but because he had a failing grade in his French class, he had to make up the class and wasn't shipped over until 1945, basically after the war ended. He always said "If it wasn't for my Principal who kept me in school, a lot of things could've been different."

Also - because Truman decided to drop the bombs, he was spared going to Japan to fight over there. It was well known that one million casualties were to be expected for the soldiers if they had to go to Japan. My father said, "When they dropped the bombs and Japan surrendered, that saved my butt again. I already was told I would be one of the ones going to Japan."

Funny how things "happen for a reason." If it wasn't for these two events, I probably wouldn't be writing this letter !