

# "For God and Country"

**Pfc. Elmer R. Shirley (ARMY)**

**Unit(s): Co E, 30th Infantry Regiment**

**Dates of Service: KIA 30 January, 1945**

**Locations of Service: European Theatre**



CITIZEN FOR AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
(Posthumous)

ELMER R. SHIRLEY, 36 610 363, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 30th Infantry Regiment. For valorous conduct in action against the enemy. Between 11 October and 21 October 1944, when his company was fighting in the "E" sector in France, Private First Class SHIRLEY, the only airman in his company, did the job of several men by maintaining the communication system, which was constantly disrupted by enemy mortar and artillery concentrations. On these missions Private First Class SHIRLEY was exposed to shells bursting within 25 yards of him. His devotion to duty materially assisted in maintaining organization in the company during a period of combat with an especially determined enemy. Private First Class SHIRLEY was killed in a subsequent action. Residence: Mount Vernon, Illinois. Next of Kin: Mrs. Eva Shirley (Mother), 2914 College St., Mount Vernon, Illinois.

