



Corporal Thomas James Dach
U.S. Army – World War II

Thomas Dach joined the Army in 1942 as a young man of 21 years of age and after training at Camp Gruber, Tulsa, Oklahoma he shipped out of Seattle, Washington. The Pacific was heavily traveled by Japanese submarines and the trip across the Pacific Ocean was tense. Diversions of the Japanese submarine fleets took the ship from Seattle to Australia and then to New Zealand and finally to the area known at that time as Persia. For the next two (2) years Corporal Dach helped in the supplying of U.S. military forces in and around Russia who were fighting the Germans.

Dach's next assignment took him to Marseilles, France where he became engaged by enemy infantry forces and he was injured when his head took a blow against a concrete wall. He was hospitalized for 2 months from these injuries. Upon release he was assigned to construction work where he was hit by a bulldozer inflicting serious injuries to his leg. Doctors, much to their surprise, were able to repair the damage and amputation was avoided.

Upon recovery from the injuries he sustained, Corporal Dach was sent to England and then to Fort Dix, New Jersey where he was discharged from active duty in December 1945. Both of Corporal Dach's wives are deceased, Rosemary in 1981 and his second wife Mary in 2001. Corporal Dach passed away February 9, 2000 leaving a loving and proud family consisting of his children Diane, Bill, Peggy, Jack and Michael and 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.