

Dillon D. Brooke

Served in World War II

1915 - 1944

Early Life

Dillon Brooke was born in Florida on June 30, 1915. His parents were Jessie Pearl Brooke and Dillon Brooke Sr. His father was a supervisor for a south county convict camp and his mother was a housewife. Dillon's father died on November 1st, 1924. Three convicts tried to take him to the hospital. His father died before they reached the hospital. Since Dillon's father died, Dillon had to live in a house with his siblings, Lloyd, Emory, Clarence, Geneva, Lena, Mildred Brooke and his mother. He went to school in South Miami. There, he only got education till 8th grade. When he moved out, he lived in Dade County. He had a job in the trucking business. Later, in Camp Blanding on March 1st, 1941, Dillon enlisted in the military.

Military Service

When Dillon joined the army, his rank was the private first class. His job was in the Warrant Officers. He was in the 7th infantry as a military unit. He was sent to Italy with the 3rd Division to have a successful breakout. Dillon was on the Italian Front



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when he was killed by artillery shell fragments. He died on May 25, 1944. He was killed the day that the Division achieved a successful breakout. That means that the Division probably got pulled out a little bit after Dillon died. It was probably only a couple days until the Division got removed from Italy.

Legacy

While Dillon did not have any children or a wife, his legacy went on in his mother, and his sisters and brothers. Dillon's name was added to a monument in Dade County for his service in the military. Dillon's name was also added to a memorial plaque in Dade County. Two years after he died, his body was moved from Italy to St. Augustine on the boat Carrol Victory. In St. Augustine, his body was buried in St. Augustine National Cemetery in plot C 187. He still rests there today.



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