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Max Denton Jr.

1922 - 1945

Sergeant: United States Army

World War II

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"1920 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Max Denton, Fort McPherson, Fulton, Georgia.

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Max's Mother in the 1920 United States Census

"1920 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Hettie Stewart, Fulton, Georgia.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/63831539:6061

Birth Announcement

"Births," Atlanta Journal, January 21, 1922.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/970426524/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"To Mr. and Mrs. Max Denton, 77 Stonewall, a boy, January 10."

Max's Mother Files for Divorce

"Wife of Policeman Sues for Divorce," Atlanta Constitution, February 19, 1925.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/398207769/?terms=hettie%20denton&match=1

Transcription:

"Mrs. Hettie Denton filed suit for divorce in the Fulton superior court Wednesday against Max Denton, a city policeman, in which she charges that she had been mistreated by her husband and that he had become "tired of her."

The petitioner charges that when she remonstrated with him about his actions, he beat her with his fists while she held an infant child in her arms.

Judge George L. Bell has issued a ne exeat* warrant requiring the defendant to furnish bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance for a hearing on February 28. The warrant was issued after a statement was made by Mrs. Denton that her husband had told her he was going to leave the state to avoid payment of alimony, it is stated."

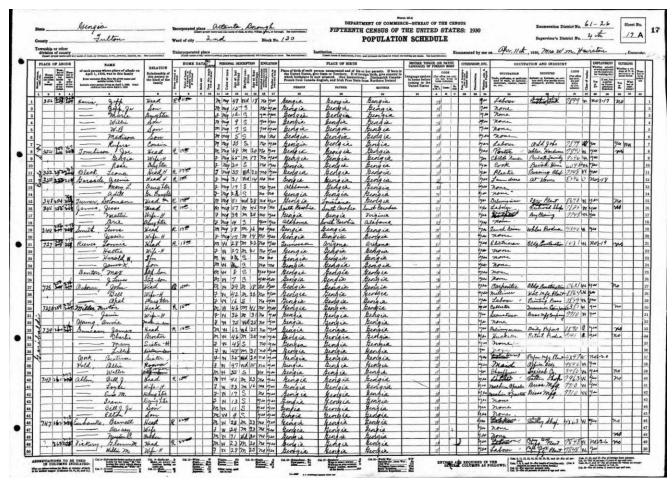
Max's Father Dismissed From the Police Department

"Motorcycle Officer Dismissed and Two Patrolmen Suspended," *Atlanta Constitution*, June 13, 1925.

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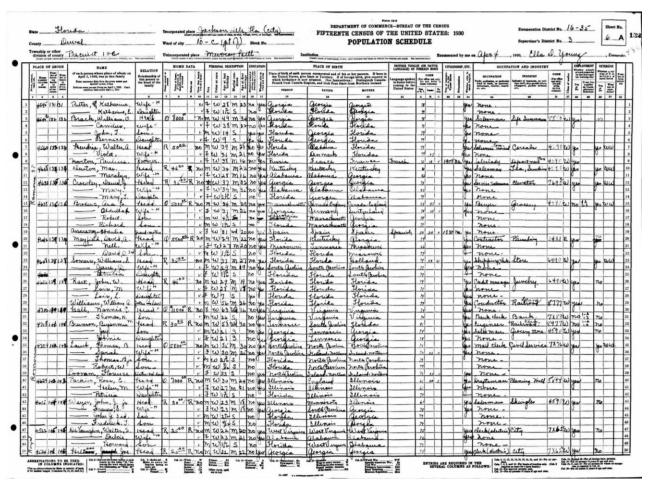
Max Denton Sr. was dismissed from his position as a motorcycle officer after having been in jail for not paying alimony.



1930 United States Census

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Max Denton, Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia.

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Max's Father in the 1930 United States Census

"1930 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Max Denton, Jacksonville, Duval, Florida.

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Death Certificate for Max's Mother

"Georgia, U.S., Death Records, 1914-1940," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Mrs. Hettie Odell Cole, Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/409561:2562

Funeral Notice for Max's Mother

"Funeral Notices-Cole," Atlanta Constitution, December 6, 1930.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/397922794/?match=1\&terms=l\%20h\%20cole}$

Summary:

The article discusses the funeral arrangements for Mrs. L. H. Cole and lists her four sons: "Mack [Max] Denton, John Denton, Harold William Cole, and James Kenneth Cole."

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Max's Father's Marriage to Maralyn Pate

"Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed June 3, 2024), entry for Max Denton and Maralyn Pate, Nassau, Florida.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/342478:8784

Death of Max's Brother

"Five-Year-Old Child Is Killed by Auto," Atlanta Constitution, July 22, 1932.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/397768347/?match=1&terms=1%20h%20cole

Transcription:

"Injuries received late Thursday afternoon when he stepped into the path of an automobile proved fatal Thursday night for Louie [William] Harold Cole, 5, son of L. H. Cole, of 402 Richardson street. Police placed the alleged driver of the car, W. F. Rogers, of 578 Stewart avenue, under \$500 bond pending a hearing at 2:30 o'clock on the afternoon of August 5 on a charge of reckless driving.

Rogers told police that the child stepped from the curb near his home and walked in front of the car, which was going at a low rate of speed. At Grady hospital, it was said that the Cole child received fractures of the skull and of the left leg. Death came approximately four hours after the accident. Witnesses told police that the accident apparently was unavoidable.

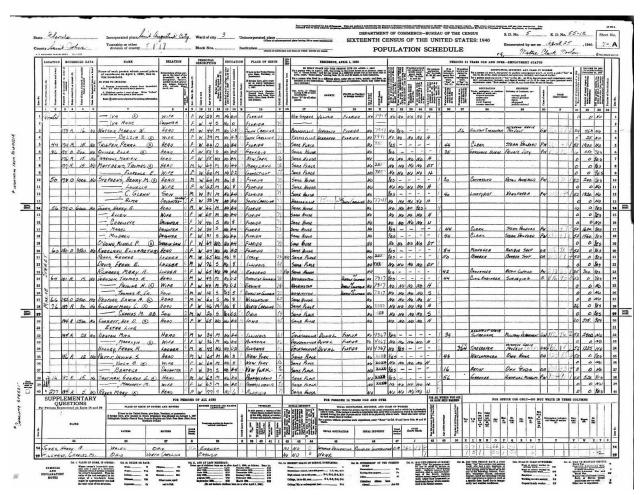
The Cole child is survived by his father and three brothers, James, John and Mack [Max] Cole. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Harry G. Poole."

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Max's Father in the 1935 Florida State Census

"Florida, U.S., State Census, 1867-1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 18, 2023), entry for Max Denton, Duval, Florida.

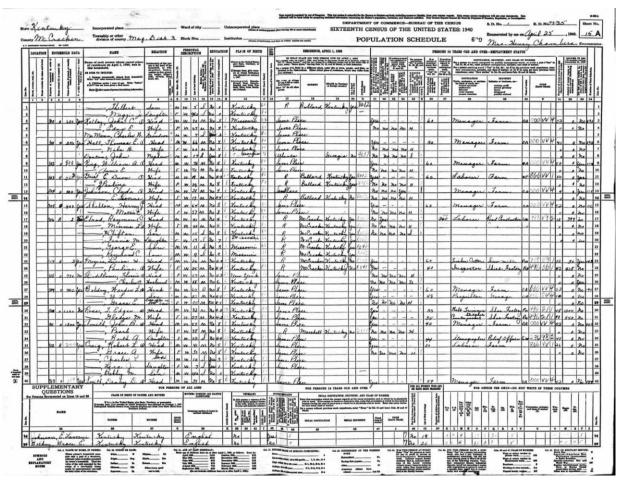
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Max's Father in the 1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 18, 2023), entry for Max Denton, St Augustine, St Johns, Florida.

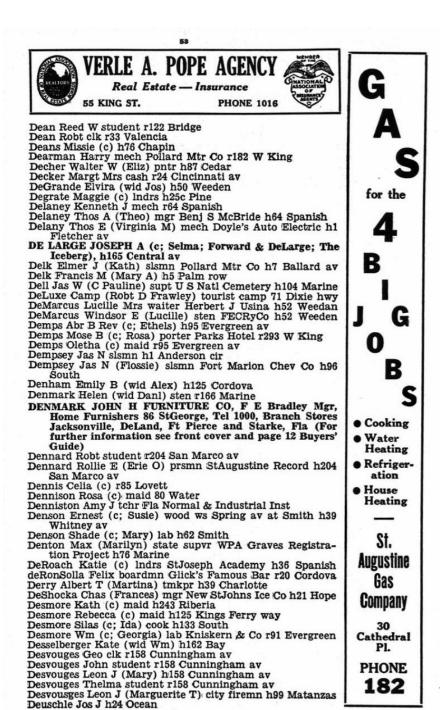
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Max's Brother John in the 1940 United States Census

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 18, 2023), entry for John Denton, McCracken, Kentucky.

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Max's Father in the 1940 St. Augustine City Directory

"Ohio and Florida, U.S., City Directories, 1902-1960," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/4535224:1988



BILOXIAN MAKES FRIENDS WITH FRENCH LASS—Sgt. Max Denton of Biloxi, makes a friend of a little French girl as American forces advance in Normandy after invading France. Sergeant Denton is the 22-year-old son of Major and Mrs. Max Denton, 139 Arcadia street, Biloxi, who have resided in Biloxi since June 16, 1942. Sgt. Denton has visited his parents on four occasions. He is a native of Atlanta, graduated from high school in Jacksonville, Fla., and enlisted in the service at Fort Benning, Ga., in June of 1938. He went overseas about Jan. 1. He received several commendations, and has been through four amphibiture schools. through four amphiblous schools.

A brother, John L., is in the Navy in the South Pacific. His father is assistant military training officer at Keesler Field and his mother at present 15 in the Keesler Field station hospital.

This picture was made by Peter Carroll, Associated Press photographer, for the wartime still picture pool. (AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radiotelephoto.)

Max Denton Greets a Baby in France

"Biloxian Makes Friends With French Lass," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), June 12, 1944.

Max's Father and Step-Mother Receive Letters About Their Son

"Write Dentons About Son," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), June 14, 1944.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/741925113/?terms=max%20denton&match=1

Transcription:

"Letters have been received by Major and Mrs. Max Denton, Keesler Field, from people in various parts of the country who had seen in the press a picture of their son, Sgt. Max Denton, who recently landed with the allies in France and was photographed greeting a little French lass. The letters all express good wishes concerning Sgt. Denton. Telephone calls also have been received from various points by individuals expressing the same sentiment.

Chicago, Washington, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, New York, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Avon Park, Jacksonville, and many other Biloxi individuals wrote the Dentons and sent them the picture. Telephone calls also were received from various points.

Maj. Denton is assistant military training officer at Keesler Field and Mrs. Denton is an out-patient at the station hospital there."

Max Denton is Identified as the American Soldier in the Widely Circulated Photograph Taken in France

"Pictured Sergeant Is Native Atlantian," Atlanta Journal, June 16, 1944.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/974944631/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"A youthful American sergeant, depicted on last Sunday's Atlanta Journal being greeted by a small French girl upon his arrival in Normandy, Thursday was identified as an Atlantian who was born and reared here, receiving most of his schooling in the Atlanta public schools.

He is Max Denton, 22, who lived with his uncle and aunt, City Detective and Mrs. C. L. Taylor, at 1123 Merlin Avenue, S. E., until he enlisted in the Army several years ago. During that period he attended Georgia Avenue and Faith Schools.

A younger brother, John L. Denton, also resided with the Taylors and is now serving with the Navy in the South Pacific. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Clifton L. Taylor Jr., is also with the Navy and is now receiving advanced training at Newport, Rhode Island.

Sergeant Denton's father is a major in the Army Air Forces, stationed at Biloxi, Miss., which accounts for his home address being erroneously given as that city. In reality, Detective Taylor says, the youth is an Atlantian, both by birth and choice."

Sergeant Max Denton Dies in Service

"Sgt. Denton Killed," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), January 15, 1945.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/741847295/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"Major and Mrs. Max Denton Sr., Biloxi, Saturday were notified by the secretary of war that their son, Sergeant Max Denton Jr., was killed in action January 1 in Luxembourg.

Sgt. Denton was 23 years old, a native of Atlanta, and attended high school in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a member of the Sons of the Legion and was engaged to be married to Miss Robin Stacey, Riverton, NJ.

Sgt. Denton had been in service 4 ½ years, enlisting at Fort Benning, Ga., where he received his training and then was sent to Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., Fort Dix, NJ., Seymour Johnson, Fla., Jackson, SC, and in January of 1944 he went overseas. He participated in the invasion of Normandy and was at Cherbourg, which his outfit captured. He was in the only infantry regiment which went into Paris. He then went on with the Third Army to the Siegfried Line.

Sgt. Denton was awarded the Purple Heart a month ago for a hand injury. He was an expert in weapons and had an expert infantryman's badge.

Major and Mrs. Denton reside in Miramar and he is commanding officer of Section T. Major Denton formerly was assistant adjutant general of Florida. They have another son, John L. Denton, 22, who is gunner's mate first class aboard an ammunition carrier in the South Pacific zone. He was in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack.

Mrs. Denton's sister, Mrs. Annie McIntyre, Atlanta, is in Biloxi for a stay of several days with the Dentons.

During the invasion of Normandy a news photographer took a picture of Max greeting a French baby. The photograph was widely circulated in the United States and Major and Mrs. Denton received nearly 200 letters from people in this country and abroad. President Roosevelt, General Eisenhower and others were among those writing along with scores of servicemen who saw the picture in Yank magazine."

Sgt. Max Denton-Killed in Action

Sergeant Max Denton Jr., 23, of the infantry, was killed in action in Germany, his father, Ma-



jor Max Denton, of Biloxi, Miss., has been informed by the War Department.

A native of Atlanta, Sergeant Denton attended the Atlanta public schools. He entered service three years ago and received his

SGT. DENTON final training at Camp Gordon, Ga., prior to going overseas a year ago.

Besides his father, survivors include his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor, of 1193 Merlin Avenue, S. E.

Sergeant Max Denton Killed in Action

"Sgt. Max Denton Killed in Action," Atlanta Journal, January 16, 1945.



Photo of Sergeant Max Denton

"With Coast Men, Women In Armed Service-Sgt. Max Denton," *Daily Herald* (Biloxi, MS), January 20, 1945.

Memorial Services for Max Denton

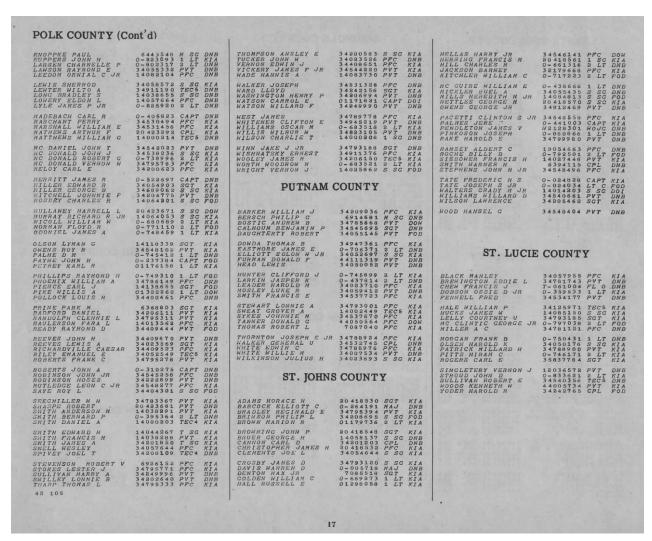
"Memorial Sunday For Sgt. Denton," Atlanta Journal, February 11, 1945.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/974942255/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"Memorial services for Sergeant Max Denton Jr., who was killed in action in Luxembourg January 1, will be held Sunday at 11:00 a.m., at the Cooper Street Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Paul M. Gillam will officiate.

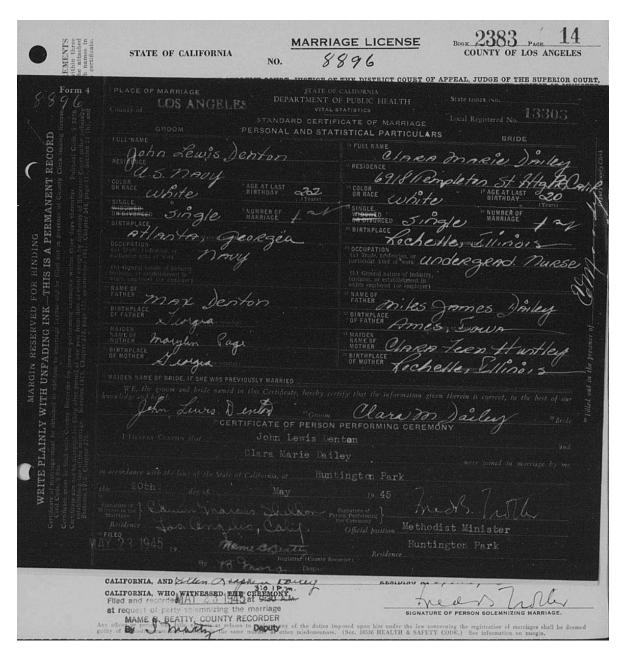
Besides his father, Major Max Denton Sr., of the Army Air Forces, stationed at Biloxi, Miss., Sergeant Denton is survived by a brother, John Lewis Denton, of the Navy and a half brother, James Kenneth Cole, of Macon."



World War II Honor List St. Johns County

"US, World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel, 1946," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed April 9, 2024), entry for Max Denton Jr., Service Number 7085518.

 $\underline{https://www.fold3.com/image/310763078/florida-page-21-us-wwii-army-and-army-air-force-casualty-list-1946}$



Max's Brother John's Marriage to Clara Dailey

"California, County Marriages, 1850-1953," database, *FamilySearch* (familysearch.org: accessed July 24, 2024), entry for John Lewis Denton and Clara Marie Dailey, Los Angeles, California.

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K8VB-SCF

Reburial in St. Augustine National Cemetery

"Reburial Friday For Sgt Denton," Tallahassee Democrat, March 24, 1949.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/244200179/?match=1&terms=john%201%20denton

Transcription:

"Reburial services will be conducted at St Augustine at 1:30 pm Friday for Sgt Max Denton, jr, who was killed overseas in action during World War II.

He is son of Mr and Mrs Max Denton of this city where Mr Denton is employed as director of outdoor advertising with the state road department. The Dentons have gone to St Augustine for the services and have been joined by their son, John L Denton, and his family, of Rochelle, Ill.

Sgt Denton served with the Eighth infantry during the invasion of France and the Battle of the Bulge and was killed in action on Jan 1, 1945."

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Interment in St. Augustine National Cemetery

"U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 9, 2024), entry for Max Denton II, St. Augustine National Cemetery.

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Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 8th Infantry, 4th Division, World War II. Re-interred from Hamm, Luxembourg Cemetery 25 March 1949. Florida: 10 January 1922 to 1 January 1945.

St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide

Department of Military Affairs, *St. Augustine National Cemetery Index and Biographical Guide: Preliminary Abridged Edition* (St. Augustine, FL: St. Francis Barracks Special Archives, 1989), 213.

https://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00047708/00001/images/213

DENTON, Max Jr.

Full Name	Denton, Max
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Max Denton Jr. Veterans Gravesite

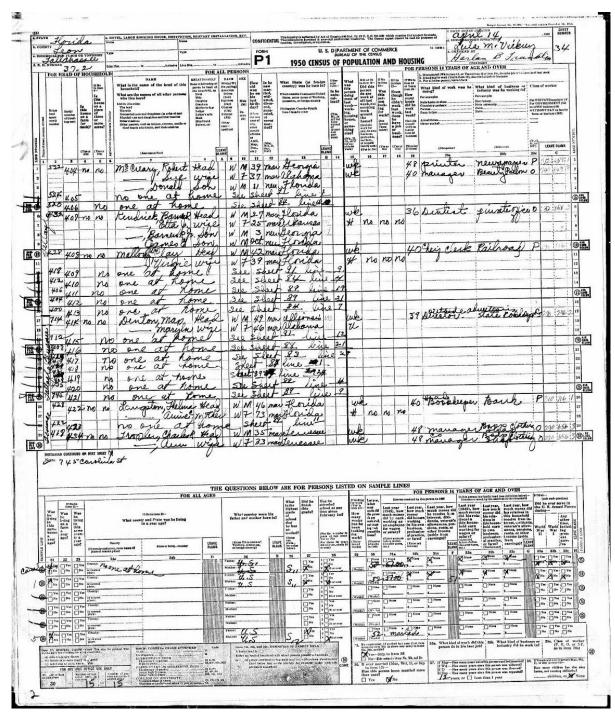
"U.S., Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 9, 2024), entry for Joseph A Bunting, St. Augustine, Florida.

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Max Denton Jr.'s Headstone in St. Augustine National Cemetery

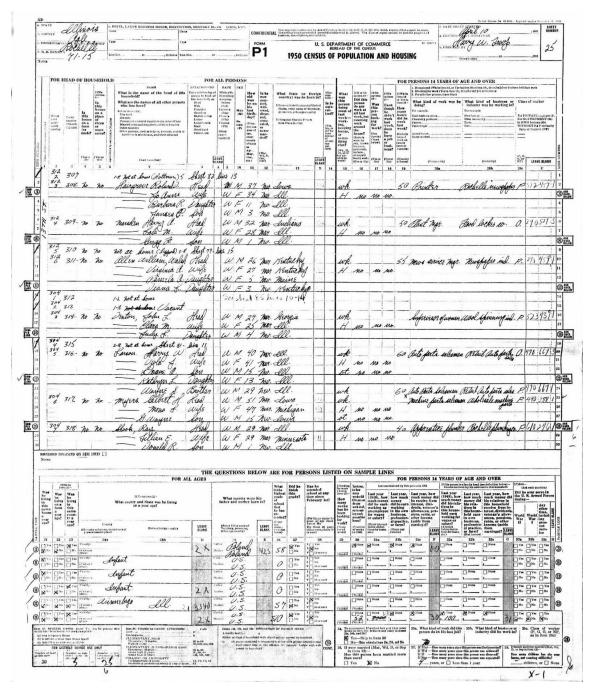
UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Max Denton Jr*, photograph, 2023, St. Augustine National Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL.



Max's Father in the 1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed April 18, 2023), entry for Max Denton, Tallahassee, Leon, Florida.

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Max's Brother John in the 1950 United States Census

"1950 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 12, 2024), entry for John L Denton, Rochelle, Ogle, Illinois.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/222125617:62308

Max's Brother John Accused of Cruelty By Wife

"Divorce Granted, Another Filed In Ogle Court," *Dixon Evening Telegraph* (Dixon, IL), November 30, 1953.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/7260200/?match=1&terms=john%201%20denton

Summary:

John Denton's wife, Clara, charges him with cruelty and requests custody of their two children.

Max's Brother John Remarries

"Mary Ann Hancock J. L. Denton Wed," Tallahassee Democrat, March 22, 1955.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/249913492/?match=1&terms=john%20lewis%20denton

Summary:

John Denton marries Mary Ann Hancock in Georgia. They now reside in Florida.

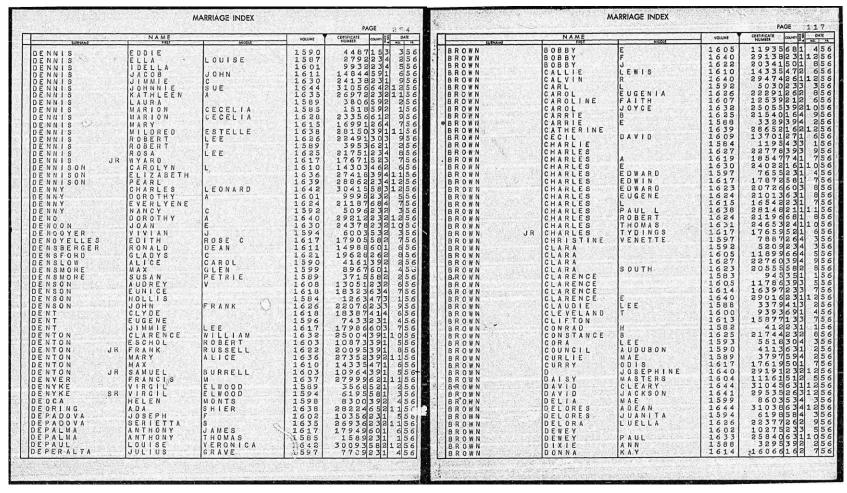
Death of Max's Father's Wife

"Obituaries-Mrs. Max Denton," Atlanta Constitution, November 5, 1955.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/397878645/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Summary:

The article discusses the funeral services for Maralyn Denton and lists her surviving relatives including Max's brother, John.



Max's Father's Marriage to Callie Lewis Brown

"Florida, U.S., Marriage Indexes, 1822-1875 and 1927-2001," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton and Callie Lewis Brown.

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1847406:8784

Max's Father Retires

"State Indian Affairs Post Abolished," Miami Herald, February 3, 1961.

 $\underline{https://www.newspapers.com/image/619514477/?match=1\&terms=max\%20denton}$

Summary:

The article announces the abolition of the office of state director of Indian affairs and Max Denton's retirement from the position. "Denton said the Indians are well enough organized now to handle their own business."

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The following sources cover the military service of Max's father (Max Denton).

Max Denton Leaves New York for England

"US, Army WWI Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1918-1919," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton, Service Number 1581899.

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Max Denton Receives a Sweater from Home

"Town Gossip," Paducah Sun (Paducah, KY), February 7, 1918.

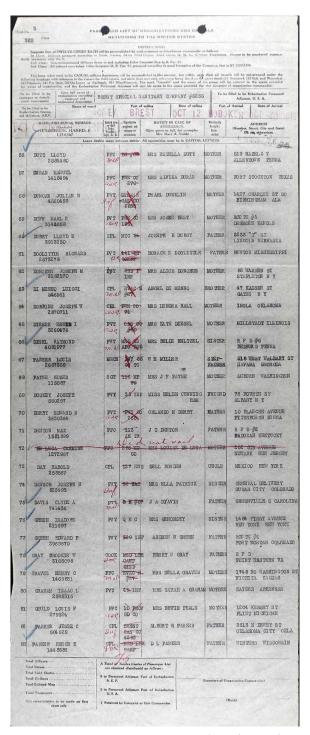
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Transcription:

"Mrs. James L. Wooldridge has received a letter of appreciation from a Paducah soldier, Max Denton, at Hattiesburg, Camp Shelby. Denton thanks Mrs. Wooldridge for a sweater he received at camp.

'I was sure glad to have one of your sweaters,' wrote Denton, 'and I think every boy in camp who gets one will be proud of it. I am from Paducah and it makes us feel better to know that some body from home thinks of us.'

Denton is with the ordnance department, 113th Ammunition Train."



Max Denton Leaves France and Arrives in New Jersey

"US, Army WWI Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1918-1919," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton, Service Number 1581899.

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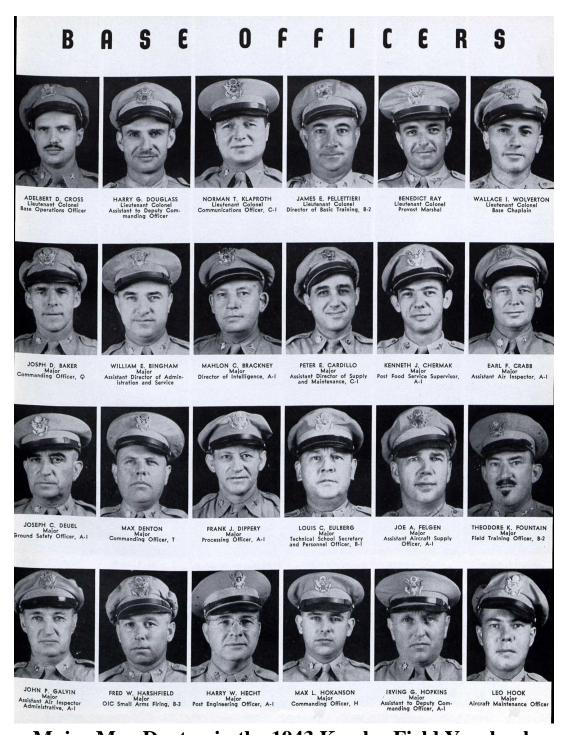
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Major Max Denton in the 1943 Keesler Field Yearbook

"U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton, Biloxi, Mississippi.

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ing a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. T. E. Hall and Mr. Hall at their home on the Olivet church road. This is his first visit to Paducah in four years.

Maj. Denton is the son of the late Theodore Denton of Grahamville, where he was born and reared. He entered the U. S. Army 28 years ago as a private, having enlisted in Paducah in 1916.

He spent two years overseas in World War I and was decorated by the French, English and Belgian governments for services with their troops. He served on five fronts. He was in the battles of Chateau Thierry, Belleau Woods and the Argonne Forest.

He will report April 28 to Keesler Field, Miss., having been transferred to the Air Forces from Miami where he served as assistant adjutant general of Plorida.

Maj. Denton has two sons in service. Max, Jr. is with the Army in England. John is in the Navy with a torpedo fleet in the south Pacific.

Maj. Denton will leave today to join his wife in Atlanta, Ga., before reporting to Keesler Field.

Major Max Denton Visits His Hometown

"Participant In 2 Wars Visit Here," Paducah Sun (Paducah, KY), April 23, 1944.

Major Max Denton Receives a Commendation

"Major Max Denton Gets Commendation," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), March 15, 1946.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/741881729/?terms=max%20denton&match=1

Transcription:

"Major Max Denton, commanding officer squadron T, Keesler Field, has received a commendation from Brig. Gen. A. Hornsby, commanding, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

'I wish to commend you most highly for your superior performance as commanding officer of Squadron T, Keesler Field, from June 1944 to February 15, 194.

'Since your assignment to that position, the diligence, leadership and initiative displayed by you has often been commended by your own commanding officer, and other higher authorities.

'You were confronted by many difficult problems, chiefly the rapid fluctuation of your squadron strength. Yet through your competent supervision, your squadron has set one of the most outstanding records ever achieved at Keesler Field,' the commendation stated in authorizing Major Denton to wear the army commendation ribbon by direction of the secretary of war.

Major Denton reported to Keesler Field May 22, 1942. He served as provost marshall for one and a half years and since has been a squadron commander. He also is president of a special court, member of general court and served on various boards, etc. He and his wife live in Miramar.

A son, Max Jr., was killed in Luxembourg Jan. 1, 1945, and was with the 8th Infantry 4th Division.

Another son, John L. served with the Navy on the USS Lassen in the South Pacific and was discharged in September.

Major Denton was assistant to the adjutant general of Florida, and expects to return to that position as soon as released from active duty. He will have headquarters in St. Augustine, where he will reside.

He started his military service in 1916 and was on active duty through November 1921, remained out until the middle of 1925, when he became connected with the Florida Guard."

Max Denton Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel

"Max Denton Made Lieutenant Colonel," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), May 7, 1946.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/741876378/?terms=max%20denton&match=1

Transcription:

"Major Max Denton, who has been at Keesler Field for four years, has received his promotion as a lieutenant colonel, and is reverting to inactive status effective Aug. 28. Col. and Mrs. Denton will leave Biloxi Wednesday for Paducah, Ky., to spend two weeks with relatives and will then go to St. Augustine, Fla., their former home, where they will reside.

Col. Denton is on leave from the Florida state adjutant general's department and will resume his duties as assistant to the adjutant general as state director, veterans' records.

Col. Denton came to Biloxi as a squadron commander for two months. For six months he was in the provost marshal's office after which he commanded another squadron and when it was deactivated he returned to the provost marshal's office and then went into the basic training center as commander of Squadron T. Three months ago he was made commandant of students, which position he has held until his present assignment."

Max Denton Sr. Obituary

"Lt. Col. Max Denton, McCracken Native, Dies," *Paducah Sun* (Paducah, KY), February 15, 1962.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/429140108/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"Funeral services for Lt. Col. Max Denton, 61, a native of the Grahamville community of McCracken County, were held Tuesday afternoon in Jacksonville, Fla.

Col. Denton, who was a retired Army Air Force careerman, was the uncle of Leon Smith, McCracken County school superintendent. He had visited Mr. Smith and his family here last fall. Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Callie L. Denton; a son, John L. Denton, Jacksonville; a sister, Mrs. Nila Hall of Louisville, and grandchildren.

Col. Denton, who died in a Jacksonville hospital, had been a resident of St. Augustine, Fla., for the past 25 years.

He served in the Kentucky National Guard for a few months before entering the U.S. Army in World War I. Later he served in the Florida National Guard, and in 1942 was commissioned a captain in the Army Air Force. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1946.

Col. Denton was on active duty during the Korean War, and in July, 1953, reverted to the Air Force Reserve, remaining in the active reserve until his retirement on Oct. 30, 1960."

Full Name	Denton, Max
Birth Date	5 Oct 1900
Death Date	10 Feb 1962
Burial Date	13 Feb 1962
Cemetery	Saint Augustine National Cemetery
Cemetery Address	104 Marine Street St Augustine, Fl 32084
Cemetery State	Florida
Cemetery Plot	Section D Site 158
Notes	Ltcol US Air Force World War I, World War II, Korea
Conflict Period	World War II
Served for	United States of America

Max Denton Veterans Gravesite

"US, Veterans' Gravesites, ca.1775-2019," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: accessed October 13, 2023), entry for Max Denton.

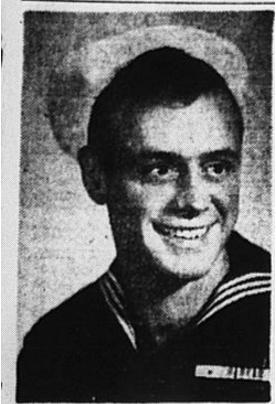
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Max Denton's Headstone in St. Augustine National Cemetery

UCF Veterans Legacy Program, *Headstone for Max Denton*, photograph, 2023, St. Augustine National Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL.

The following sources cover the military service of Max's brother (John Denton).



GUNNER'S MATE FIRST CE SS JOHN DENTON, son of Major and Mrs. Max Denton of Biloxi, who is stationed aboard an ammunition carrier in the South Pacific. He is 22 years old and native of Atlanta, attending school in Jacksonville. He entered the service in February, 1940 and boarded a ship at Mobile, thence went to Norfolk, and San Francisco and was then sent to Pearl Harbor which has been his home station since. His ship was twice torpedoed and bombed innumerable times. The ship has been credited with downing six Jap planes. His ship assisted in servicing the fleet at Tarawa, Palau, Saipan and Leyte.

Gunner's Mate First Class John Denton

"With Coast Men, Women in Armed Service," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), January 22, 1945.

John Denton Discharged From the Navy

"Denton Home From Navy," Daily Herald (Biloxi, MS), November 19, 1945.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/741936820/?match=1&terms=max%20denton

Transcription:

"John L. Denton, who has just been discharged from the Navy after five years service, and Mrs. Denton of St. Augustine, Fla., are in Biloxi to be with his parents, Major and Mrs. Max Denton of Keesler Field. John, who was a gunner's mate second class, spent 4 ½ years in the Pacific area, and received several battle citations. He was at Guadalcanal and in other invasions. He will be employed at the A&P grocery."