

Story #116b John Carter

PFC John R Carter (1917-1973) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

John enlisted in the Army at Fort Sheridan IL on November 7, 1941, with SN 36227932. He mustered out on May 24, 1946, having served over four years. John served in Europe with the 11th Infantry of the 5th Division. The 11th Infantry Regiment played a significant role during war. They were part of the division that landed in Normandy on July 10, 1944, and quickly advanced across France, capturing key cities and crossing rivers. The regiment was involved in the Battle of the Bulge, where they counterattacked into the southern portion of the Bulge, engaging in bitter winter fighting. On March 22, 1945, the 11th Infantry made a night river assault across the Rhine River at Oppenheim. John was hit in the right arm by rifle fire in Metz, France. He received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. His brother Glen also served in the war.

John Robert Carter was born in Mazomanie on May 23, 1917 to Mazomanie Township farmers Frieda Wendt and Clarence Wendt. He is found there with his family at the 1920, 1930 and 1940 US Census. His October 16, 1940 Draft Card listed him as 5'-8", 175 # with a dark complexion, brown hair and blue eyes. He was listed as self-employed.

After the war, he returned to Mazomanie and married Spring Green born Evelyn Gertrude Buelow (1923-2010) in Mazomanie on October 15, 1949. She was the daughter of South Dakota born Edward William Buelow and Helen Robison. The 1950 Mazomanie Census listed the young married couple. He is a plumber. They lived in Mazomanie the rest of their lives except living in Madison from 1964 to 1970. John passed away in Shorewood Hills, WI on July 19, 1973 and is buried in the Mazomanie Cemetery with his wife. They had no children.

