

BEITLER, FRANCIS FREDERICK

First sergeant, Regular Army, 6 655 975. Born 12 July 1910 at Rockford, Ohio, the son of Clarence F. and Christena Beitler. Came to Adams Co., Ind., 1920. Married Margaret Tooms of Alto Pass, Ill., in 1940. Enlisted in Regular Army Nov. 1930 at Fort Wayne, and served in a heavy artillery company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, for three years. Re-enlisted 1934, and was stationed at Scott Field and Chanute Field, Ill., and Savannah, Ga. Sent to Philippine Islands, Nov. 1941. Fought on Bataan and was in the Death March that followed the capture of Bataan by the Japanese. Died 21 May 1942 of dysentery and malaria at Camp O'Donnell Prison Camp, Philippine Islands. Buried in U. S. Armed Forces Cemetery No. 2, Manila, P. I.