



## **Gunner Joseph Patrick EGAN** **07-C-06**

Joe was a restless type, maybe the word adventurous better apply to him. Between him and his father were often conflicts and Joe as a teenager ran away from home after an argument. Father Egan gave a detective to find his son the job. Eventually he found in Chicago, where he worked as a bellhop in a hotel. He was then sent to a military academy to learn more discipline. Later he went to the local high school and passed the final exam when he was 19 years old. He then went to Fordham University, but dropped out after a year of the study, partly due to the fact that his father was flu was deceased. In connection with the great depression stock market crash and unemployment with many though Joe was wandering through the country. His biggest hobby was, as many young people at that time, "riding the rails". This is a sport of the roof of a moving train about to jump on another train. But Joe was looking for more peace in his life. In 1932 he married in Oakland with Hemia Calpini. Yet the adventure drew him and he volunteered, 36 years old, in with the U.S. Army but was rejected because he was too old. When he reported to a special unit of the Canadian Army: The American Canadian Army Overseas. But he had to do before going to live in Canada. His marriage had ended badly and only Joe moved to Windsor in Ontario.

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Later his body was transferred to the Canadian War Cemetery in Holten.

Joe received the following awards:

Candies volunteers Gere Service medal with a maple leaf closure- Defense Medal - English award- The 1939-1945 Star- The France-Germany Star

In the town of River Vale (USA) is a street named after him: The Egan Terrace.

