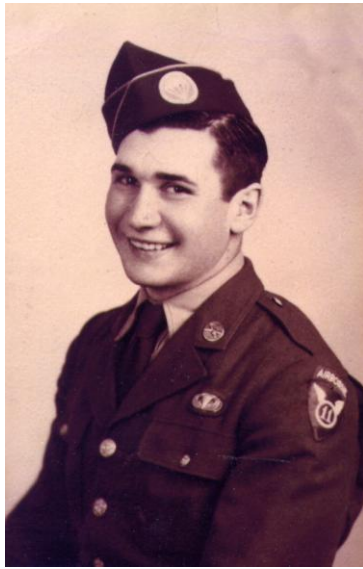


U.S. Army PFC Alfred Cattalini Died March 13th, 1945



Alfred Cattalini went to Amador Valley High School, where he played sports with Ambrose D. Regalia. They both were outstanding athletes and won scholarships to college.

Cattalini was drafted after high school, then re-enlisted to be in the paratroopers. He earned his jump wings in the 11th Airborne Division, 511th Parachute Infantry, Company I on June 26, 1943.

Known by his Airborne buddies as "Big Cat", Alfred earned his Combat Infantry Badge on his first jump on Leyte, Philippines (1 mile west of Mahonag) December 20, 1944, where he was subsequently wounded, and earned his first Purple Heart.



He Jumped into combat again on March 13, 1945 at Real during the battle of Luzon, where he was wounded. He was rescued by his buddies, and sent to the hospital, where he died from his wounds. He subsequently and posthumously was awarded his second Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, a Presidential Unit Citation, and a second award for the Combat Infantry Badge.

