

## U.S. Army Private Ambrose D. Regalia *Died June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942*



The son of Italian immigrants Regalia was born in his grandmother's house on Angela Street on January 24, 1920. Ambrose grew up in Pleasanton.

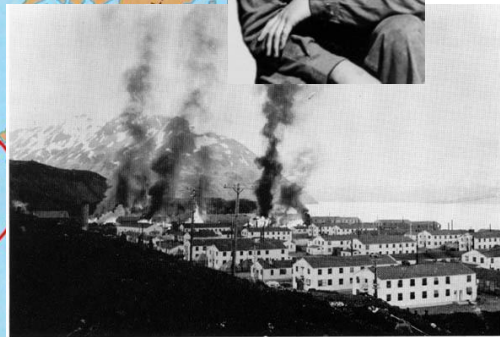
He was on the first championship football and baseball teams at Amador Valley High School. He graduated from Amador in 1937.

Ambrose was the first string quarterback at St. Mary's College for one year and he attended spring training with the Old Brooklyn Dodgers.



Ambrose was drafted October 1941 just two months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. More than 150 townspeople attended a farewell bash at the *Odd Fellows Hall* and presented him with a gold wristwatch.

He went through basic training and artillery school, and was sent to Fort Mears, Alaska. He was with the 206 coast artillery Battery F, which manned 37mm anti-aircraft guns.



The Japanese attacked Dutch Harbor, Alaska on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 1942. On June 4<sup>th</sup> their bombs found Ambrose's munitions tunnel. That day, at the age of 22, less than six months after first donning an artilleryman's uniform. Private Ambrose Regalia became Pleasanton's first sacrifice to World War II.

A small street ***Regalia Court*** and the local ***Veterans of Foreign Wars*** post bear his name.

