

## U.S. Army TEC4 William Joseph Theodore *Died October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1942*



William (Bill) Joseph Theodore was the son of Arthur and Emily Theodore of Pleasanton. Bill was born on April 6, 1915 in Gustine, CA, he was one of eight children-six brothers and a sister.

Bill joined the Army at the outbreak of WWII. He attended basic training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

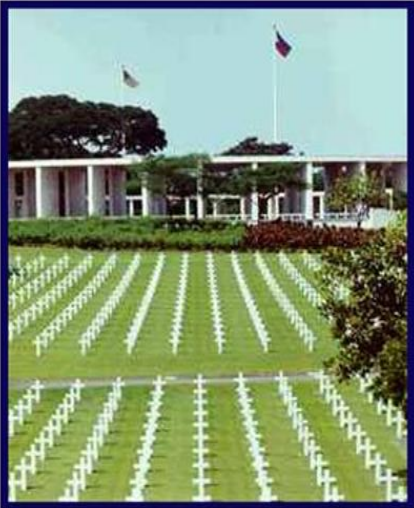
On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1942 Bill was aboard transport ship in the Southwest Pacific, when there was collision with another vessel. Bill along with other members of the 391<sup>st</sup> Engineer Depot Company was sleeping on deck at the time and was swept overboard. and others were reported "missing at sea." When no bodies were recovered, the official casualty report stated "died at sea."

Today, in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, there stands a memorial to the "Missing who their lives in the service of their country and who rest in unknown graves." The name of William J. Theodore is inscribed there.



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**William J. Theodore**

ID: 39002450  
Entered the Service From: California  
Rank: Technician 4th Class

Service: U.S. Army, 391st  
Engineer Depot Company

Died: Saturday, October 17, 1942  
Memorialized at: Manila American  
Cemetery  
Location: Fort Bonifacio, Manila,  
Philippines