

Rufus G. Stubblefield

1920 – September 19, 1944

A Technician Fifth Grade, Rufus Stubblefield, was the first Black Calloway County soldier to die while fighting in World War 2. He was in Espiritu Santo Naval Base, New Hebrides, in the South Pacific region of Melanesia. Stubblefield first went to Ft Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, then to Ft Belvoir, Virginia, then to Camp Swift, Texas, before being shipped overseas in 1943.

Stubblefield had been in the service two years, with the Third Army and the engineering division. He was reported seriously ill in a message to his parents prior to his death. Before his deployment, he was employed with TVA. He was the son of L. D. and Anna Stubblefield, and the family resided at 227 North Second Street in Murray.

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