

DONALD NOST

Born 11/3/17 Fergus Falls, MN. Sister married a Brown Shirt. In Chicago, Rudy Doderlein. She went to rally in 1939 where the Brown Shirts saluted and sang the Horst Wessel song. She got up and sang "Hail Britannia" and was ejected. She soon left Rudy. Nost enlisted in the army 1/17/42. Ended up as a chemical warfare instructor for 23 months. Sent overseas 12/44 with the 7th Army, 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, HQ Squadron. Served as a radio man riding on the outside of tanks. Got to Hemer, Germany and participated in the liberation of a POW camp filled with 23,00 prisoners, mostly Russian. Prisoners were being starved to death. SS who had fled were later killed by artillery fire. In 4/45, Nost was wounded and was awarded a Purple Heart.