

Tec 5 Sam Littau

A Texas Panhandle soldier with no biography, photo or obituary online. The search found his January 1942 enlistment card (Ochiltree County, born 1916) and Army morning-report pages (one dated November 1943) that list him by serial number with the 757th Tank Battalion, one of them as a Technician Fifth Grade. It did not find where or how he died: the 1946 Army honor list for Texas lists him as killed in action, and the report shows the free records that can tell the rest.

What was typed into the search: Sam Littau · Army · World War II · Ochiltree County, Texas

Service	U.S. Army, enlisted 5 January 1942
Unit	757th Tank Battalion (morning reports)
Conflict	World War II
Hometown	Ochiltree County, Texas
Born	1916 (year only)
Died	Listed as killed in action (1946 Army honor list for Texas)

Summary sources: [NARA AAD: WWII Army enlistment records \(search by serial 38080027\)](#) · [NARA: 1946 honor list of Army dead, Texas](#) · [Ochiltree County transcription of that list \(Genealogy Trails\)](#).

Built only from public records. Family who want this corrected or removed: [corrections & takedowns](#). The full automatic report follows. It is a research summary, not an official record. Lines marked "Likely" are labeled guesses.

SERVICE STORY · RESEARCHED FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

Sam Littau — *Army, 1942–1943*

Born 1916

Service number 38080027 **PROBABLE**

WORLD WAR II

9 RECORD PAGES

2 SOURCES CITED

AT A GLANCE

Sam Littau

Likely match · Written for family readers — military jargon explained as you go.

WHO	Sam Littau · born 1916
SERVICE	Army · 1942–1943 · service no. 38080027
HIS JOB	Technician Fifth Grade (see Ranks explained)
WHERE	Ochiltree County, Texas

Most notable moment (from the records):

Sam Littau enlisted in the U.S. Army on 5 Jan 1942, serial number 38080027, grade private; the card lists Texas as his state of residence and birth year 1916.

HIS STORY

Sam Littau, told from the records

Every sentence carries a numbered source. Highlighted passages marked **SPECULATION** like this are informed speculation, not record. Events at his bases are ones verified to the same field and to his own dates there. He is never said to have been involved in them.

JAN 1942 –
FEB 1942

1 sourced facts

Volunteering

Sam Littau enlisted on 5 January 1942 as a private with serial number 38080027.¹ The Army record card listed his home state as Texas and gave his birth year as 1916.¹

[1] 5 Jan 1942 · NARA WWII Army Enlistment Records (AAD) — [source](#)

JAN 1943 –
DEC 1943

1 sourced facts

1943

On 18 November 1943 the morning report for Company A, 757th Tank Battalion listed Sam Littau by name and service number.²

[2] 18 Nov 1943 · NARA WWII morning reports — [source](#)

Record-by-record list (audit view of the same sources)

SERVICE NARRATIVE

His service story — records first, then careful inference

Two layers are kept visually separate. **From records** only states what a fetched page or cited ship report supports. **Likely — informed speculation** describes what his ship or rating was doing then; every speculative sentence is labeled and can be wrong if a transfer or watch bill we have not seen says otherwise.

FROM RECORDS

Sam Littau enlisted in the U.S. Army on 5 Jan 1942, serial number 38080027, grade private; the card lists Texas as his state of residence and birth year 1916.

Cited: NARA WWII Army Enlistment Records (AAD / NAID 1263923)

FROM RECORDS

18 November 1943: Army morning report / special order, unit Co "A" 757th Tk Bn lists Littau, Sam, serial 38080027.

Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/456938820>

FROM RECORDS

Undated page: Army morning report / special order, unit Serv. Co. 757th Tank Bn. Inf lists Littau, Sam, serial 38080027, SSN 321.

Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/469116363>

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Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/572480059>

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Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/572480059>

FROM RECORDS

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Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/570157876>

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Cited: NARA WWII Morning Reports — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/454570267>

Why we matched this record (Probable, 92 evidence points)

same last name; first name matches; enlisted from Texas; enlistment card lists Ochiltree County, his home county; same branch; record dated 1942, fits the years given; war listed as World War II; independently corroborated by NARA Morning Reports (5 pages carry serial 38080027).

Other records that line up:

- **PROBABLE** NARA Morning Reports (WWII Army daily unit reports) — same last name; first name matches; same branch; record dated 1943, fits the years given

Confirmed = an exact identifier matches. **Likely** = several independent details match.

Possible = some details match; needs checking.

01 · TIMELINE

What the records say, in order

5 Jan 1942 Enlists in the Army (Texas), serial 38080027, grade Private. **PROBABLE**¹

**18 November
1943**

Army morning report / special order: Co "A" 757th Tk Bn lists Sam Littau, serial 38080027. from records found PROBABLE ²

RANKS EXPLAINED

His rank, explained

Each rank in his records, in plain English, with its pay grade and what it usually meant day to day.



Rate / rank

Tec 5 — Technician Fifth Grade

Pay grade: WWII 5th grade (like today's E-4) · **Rough Army equivalent:** Corporal

What it meant: WWII specialist technician, paid like a corporal.

Appendix · Original documents (archive scans)

Scans from the National Archives. Click to enlarge when viewing in a full browser.

02 · UNITS

The units in his records

757th Tank Battalion

No public unit history page found automatically. Unit histories are held by NARA and the service history offices.

FAMILY INPUT

Appeal, add information, or question a finding

Submissions stay **family-reported** until a record supports them. We re-run search with your hints and show what changed.

To add information, appeal, or question a finding, open the online version of this report and use the family form.

This is a public example. Families can add information or ask for a correction through the [corrections page](#).

03 · GAPS AND NEXT RECORDS

What we couldn't find, and how to get it

Most families' searches turn up only part of the story. These free records usually fill in the rest.

- 1 No VA-maintained burial record found under this name. Private-cemetery government headstones before 1997 are often missing from the VA dataset.
- 2 Discharge date, decorations and full unit list are in the personnel file. Army files for soldiers discharged 1912–1960 were largely destroyed in the 1973 St. Louis fire; NARA rebuilds them from pay, medical and unit records.

NEXT

Ask for his official file (free for family)

Use form SF-180 or the National Archives' online eVetRecs. Give his full name, service number 38080027, branch and rough dates. Next of kin (spouse, child, parent, sibling) pay nothing. Files of anyone who left service more than 62 years ago are open to everyone.

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NEXT

Burial case file (if he died in service)

For soldiers who died in World War II or Korea, the Army's burial case file (IDPF) often says where and how he died and where he rests. Ask the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for it under FOIA; it's free.

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NEXT

Overseas grave or Walls of the Missing

If he died overseas in WWII and wasn't brought home, the American Battle Monuments Commission lists his cemetery, plot and unit.

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WWII draft card

WWII draft cards (FamilySearch, free account) give birth date, address, employer and next of kin.

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NEXT

Headstone application

Government headstone applications (NARA, 1925–1963, and later VA files) often give serial, unit and dates.

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NEXT

County discharge record

Many veterans recorded their discharge paper at the county clerk after the war. Ask the county where he lived.

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NEXT

Texas newspapers, free

The Portal to Texas History has scanned small-town Texas papers. Hometown papers often printed enlistments, letters home and casualty news.

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04 · SOURCES

- 1 NARA WWII Army Enlistment Records (AAD series 3360 / NAID 1263923) — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1263923>
- 2 NARA WWII Morning Reports (RG 64 scans) — <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/456938820>

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