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Philip M. Mogg, 73 Oct. 12, 1918 – May 4, 1992

AUDUBON — Philip M. Mogg, son of Philip John and Laura Potter Mogg, was born Oct. 12, 1918 in Audubon, and died May 4, 1992 at the Audubon Co. Hospital at age 73 years, 6 months and 22 days. He was baptized and confirmed at the First Methodist Church in Audubon. He attended Audubon Community Schools, graduating in 1939. He participated in many school activities, starring in track and football. After graduating he worked in the Audubon County Engineer's Office and was a member of the National Guard. His National Guard unit was mobilized Feb. 10, 1941 and they were transferred to Camp Claiborne in Alexandria, LA.

Jan. 1, 1942 he married Gertrude Mahurin of Vinton, at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, LA. Feb. 14, 1942 he was transferred overseas. He spent time in Ireland, England, and Scotland before making the invasion of Africa Nov. 8, 1942 with Headquarters Company 168th Infantry. He was taken prisoner on Feb. 17, 1943 at Faid Pass in North Africa and then spent 27 months as a prisoner of war in Germany until 1945. He was honorably discharged as Technical Sergeant in May of 1945. He returned to Audubon and was employed in the Audubon County Engineer's office for a short time. He then worked as a construction engineer with Korshoj Company in Blair, NE., where he worked until his retirement in 1982. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men in Audubon. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 4119, Audubon, and had served as commander. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans; S.W. Iowa Chapter of Prisoners of War, and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Audubon.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Evelyn Rutherford. Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Mogg of Audubon; his daughters, Linda Crees of Urbandale; Leah (Jerry) Davis of Harlan; 5 grand-children; his cousin, Dora Rutherford of Ross; his brother-in-law, Emery (Ila) Mahurin of Vinton; his sister-in-law, Hazel Mogg of Oregon City, OR.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Emmanuel Tabelisma May 7, 1992 at the First United Methodist Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casketbearers were Art Christensen, Christian Larsen, Dale Levis, Waldo Mick, Orville Railsback, Dr. John Sutcliffe, Edwin Wellendorf, and Headquarters Company 168th Infantry. Casketbearers were Lt. Col. Gary Joens, Randy Mahurin, Jeff Mogg, Steve Mogg, Tod Mogg, and Steve Stetzel.