

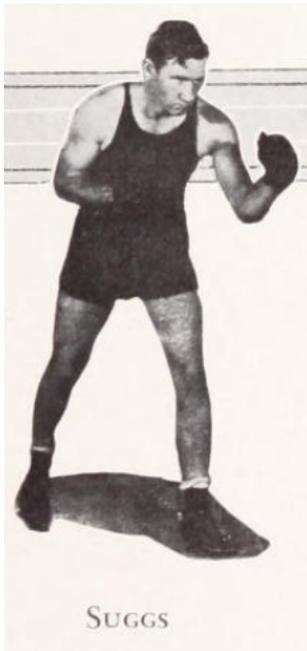
The End of the Bulge

By mid-January 1945, even Hitler realized that his bold gamble to split the western Allies through the Ardennes Forest had failed. Though initially caught by surprise, the Allied armies had rallied, had held against local enemy numerical superiority, and had worn down the Germans. First Lieutenant Lorenzo Dow Suggs, Jr. of Loris was one of the Americans counterattacking the German salient into the Allied lines.

Suggs was a horticulture major and a member of Clemson's Class of 1935. He was a good athlete, participating on the track, cross country, and boxing teams. He was a member of the Horticulture Club and the YMCA Council. After attending ROTC summer camp at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Suggs was appointed a second lieutenant in Company G of the Cadet Regiment as a senior.

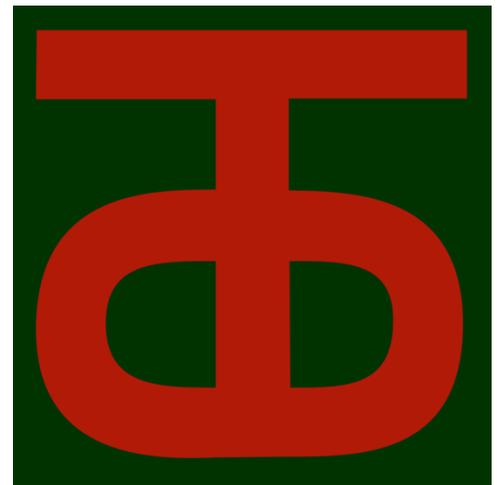


After graduation, Suggs returned to Loris and married Nettie Bourne. Suggs farmed and worked with the Farm Credit Association in Conway. He and Nettie had two sons.



Soon after the war began, Suggs entered military service with the Army. For a time, he was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi where he served as the provost marshal, the Army's version of the local sheriff.

In August 1944, Suggs shipped overseas. Upon his arrival in Europe, he was assigned to the 358th Infantry Regiment of the 90th Infantry Division. The 90th had entered combat on D-Day and at the time Suggs joined was involved in trapping retreating German forces in the Falaise Gap. As a part of General George Patton's Third Army, the 90th raced across France and by late autumn reached Saarlautern, just across the border in Germany. On



December 6, the 90th crossed the Saar River and established a bridgehead north of Saarlautern, but the beginning of the German's winter offensive in the Ardennes halted the division's advance.

With command attention and all available resources focused on stopping the German attack, the 90th pulled back to the west side of the Saar and took up defensive positions. On January 5, 1945, the 90th was ordered north to attack the remnants of the German units then pulling back

from the Battle of the Bulge. On January 13, in action west of Wiltz, Luxembourg, First Lieutenant Suggs was killed.

First Lieutenant Lorenzo Dow Suggs, Jr. was survived by his wife and two sons, his father, five sisters and three brothers. After the war, Suggs's remains were returned to the South Carolina and buried in the Patterson Cemetery in Loris.

