

PVT AUGUST E. OTTO, JR.

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On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.



The Little Minnesota River Bridge on SD HWY 106 is dedicated to U.S. Army Private August E. Otto, Jr.

Otto was drafted into the Army in 1942 and sent overseas to the North American area of the Attu Islands (Aleutian Islands of Alaska). Otto was killed in action at Attu Island on May 18, 1943.

For his service...and sacrifice...Otto received many medals and citations. Among them... the Purple Heart was posthumously awarded.