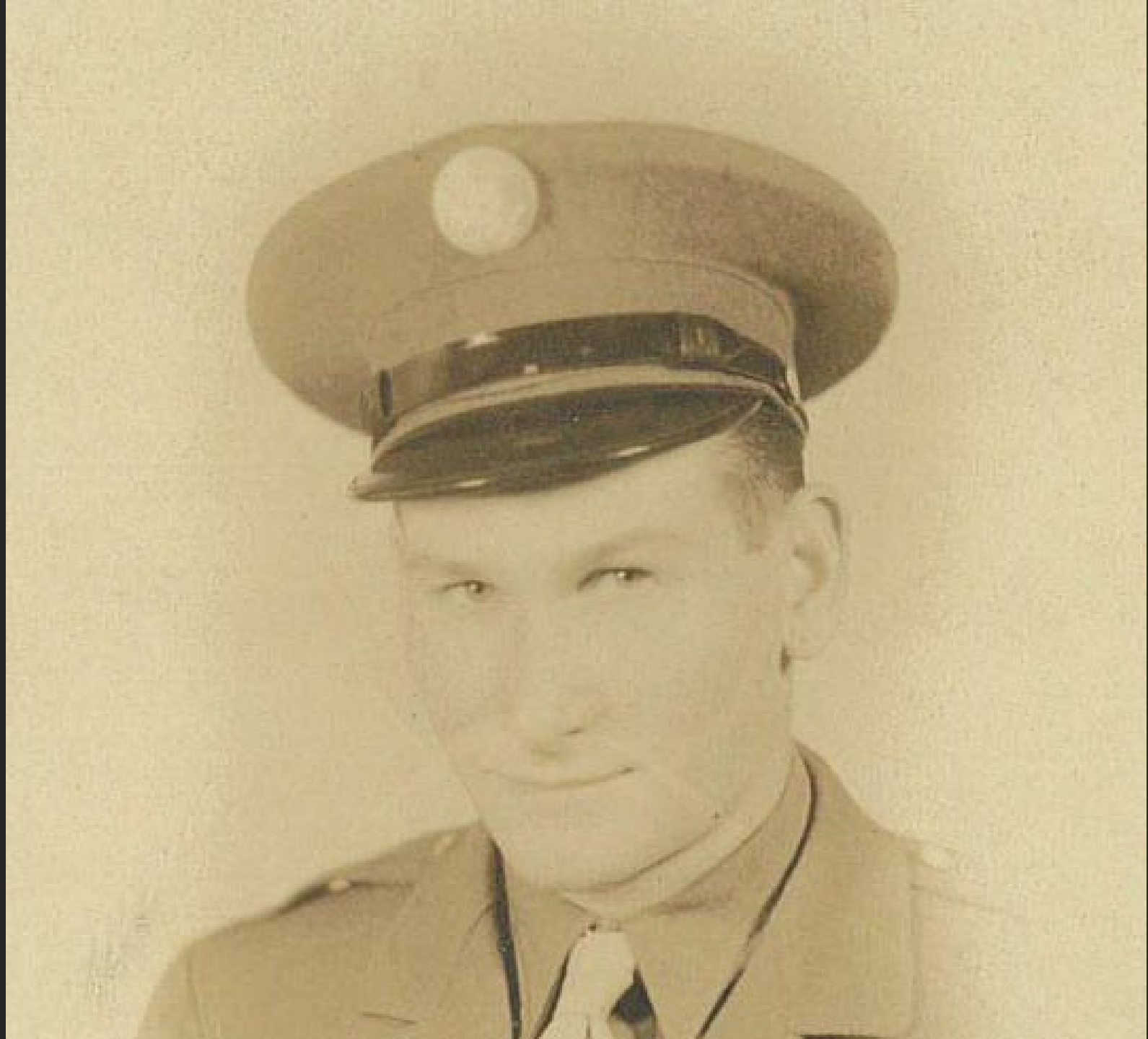

**SGT WILLIAM
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On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

The South Dakota Pony Creek Bridge about a half mile west of the intersection with SD HWY 37, near Parkston was dedicated to U.S. Army Air Force SGT William Christensen.

Christensen was killed in action April 8, 1944, when he left with two Army bombers in the 491st Bomb Squadron and 341st Bomb Group. They were attacked by seven Japanese planes off the southeast coast of Hainan in China.

His family was posthumously presented the Purple Heart.

