



U.S. ARMY
SERGEANT
FRED H. HARMS AND
LIEUTENANT DONALD
R. HARMS

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TRIPP, SD

- 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 US 18 Bridge three miles west of SD 37 is dedicated to U.S. Army Sergeant Fred and Lieutenant Donald Harms.
- On February 25, 1945, Fred was killed in action in battle near Einruhr, Germany. For his service and sacrifice Fred received the Purple Heart.
- On May 18, 1945, Donald was commanding his company on the battle line east of Manila. His company was holding a position near the top of a ridge when the enemy started a counterattack. Artillery and mortar fire were used to attempt to break the American position. The attack was repulsed, but Don was killed by flying shrapnel. For his service and sacrifice, Donald received many medals and citations. Among them were the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

