

Colonel Lansing McVickar

Colonel Lansing McVickar was the commanding officer of the 318th Regiment of the 80th US Infantry Division.

When the Germans attacked in the Ardennes on December 16th, 1944, his unit was deployed in Lorraine as part of General Patton's 3rd Army.

When the 3rd Army was ordered to counterattack in the Ardennes, the 318th Regiment advanced along the Alzette valley, attacked Ettelbruck on December 22nd and liberated the town after several days of heavy combats.



Colonel McVickar was killed in action on January 14th, 1945 in the vicinity of Ettelbruck when he came upon a German advanced post during the inspection of his troops.

He was laid to rest at the American military cemetery in Hamm/Luxembourg.



A commemorative plaque at the roundabout next to the Alzette bridge honors the memory of Colonel McVickar.

Many of his personal belongings and documents are exhibited at the General Patton Memorial Museum in Ettelbruck.

*Each officer bears in mind the awful responsibility he owes to his men
which tolerates neither negligence in himself nor in those responsible to him.
(Lansing McVickar)*