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1 LT Arvid D. Gouchberg Class 7-42

1Lt Arvid D Gouchberg served with the 50th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Infantry Division, XX Corps, 3rd Army, as an air observer. He and 2Lt Mark Gaddie were both killed on 28 Sep 1944.

Extract from the Combat History of the 50th Field Artillery Battalion:

28 Sep 44, South of Lorry-Mardigny, Mosell, Lorraine, France. This morning we learned at approximately 0630 hours our Cub 37K crashed while taking off. Lieutenant Gouchberg, the pilot, was killed outright. Lieutenant Gaddie, the observer, was injured critically and died shortly afterward in the hospital. This news was quite a blow to everyone. We all liked both of the fellows very much. Gouch had just received his promotion to first lieutenant at the same time as Major Rennord got his. They were an excellent observer team. Major Strunk, the Division Artillery air officer believes the crash was due to engine failure caused by carburetor icing.

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