



James B. Miller Class of 1942 Enshrined 2026



James B. Miller graduated from Newport Catholic High School. He received scholarship to Xavier University and graduated in 1942 with a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree. Upon graduation he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the United States Army, and was sent to Officer Basic Training at Ft. Bragg, NC. He was subsequently sent overseas in June 1943.

Miller participated in the invasion of Sicily on 10 July 1943. On 7 July 1943 while aboard the invasion vessel that carried his detachment to Sicily, he wrote two letters; one to his mother and one to his fiancée.

To his mother Miller wrote:

"Just three days from now we make our attack on _____. I am about to go into battle on one of the most important and sensational missions of World War II... Naturally some of us won't come back... My own mission is a dangerous one and I do not try to fool myself. I will be as close to the front as I can get with reasonable safety. Spiritually I am ready for whatever comes."

Miller wrote this to his fiancée:

"Just two nights before I go over the side into the landing craft and take off for the shore of Sicily. I am going to be a forward observer... Actually I'm glad of the opportunity to play such an important part in the biggest thing that has taken place since we entered the war. It is amazing how unconcerned everyone is. From the way we act you'd think we were just going on another maneuver."

Lieutenant James. B Miller was killed in action on 25 July 1943 in Sicily. After the war, Lt. Miller's remains were repatriated to the United States, and he was reinterred on 16 Sep 1948 in St. Joseph Cemetery in Cold Spring, KY.