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Oscar JB Nowlin, 92, of Holton, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Community Hospital in Onaga. He was born April 2, 1911, on the family farm west of Maroa, Macon County, Ill., on his grandfather, Jonathan Blaisdell Nowlin s 70th birthday, the son of Cortez Dewey and Minnie Bell Jump Nowlin.

He served with the 7th Infantry Division before he was transferred to the 352nd Regiment in the 96th Infantry Division (Dead Eye). He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Col. and served as the G-4. In the Pacific Theatre, he participated in invasions at Leyte and Okinawa.

He married Dorothy Longsdorff on June 28, 1935, on the lawn of Dorothy s sisters farm. Old films show that the occasion was fun with them parading by while being photographed. The happy couple immediately left for California, where Oscar worked in large greenhouses.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy O. Nowlin, of the home; three sons, John B. Nowlin and his wife, Lea, of Bellflower, Calif., Ste wart E. Nowlin and his wife, Nancy, of Lawrence, and David D. Nowlin and his wife, Sharon, Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Dr. Mary C. Nowlin, Phoenix; six grandchildren, Steven Walvig and his wife, Tasha, of Minneapolis, Melinda Smith and her husband, Andrew, of Overland Park, Jonathan Nowlin and his wife, Jennifer, of Plymouth, Minn., Patrick Nowlin, Kosa Town, Kumamoto-Ken, Japan, Kamilah Sarah Smith, Phoenix, and Eric Nowlin, New York City.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be in the Maroa Cemetery in Maroa, Ill. Oscar will lie in state until service time at the funeral home, where family and friends will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday