**Edward D. Contreras**

**WWII**

**Born: 1912, Arizona**

**Died: February 9, 1944**

**U.S. WWII Army Enlistment Records**

*Source: NARA*

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| **Name:** | Edward D Contreras |
| **Birth Year:** | 1912 |
| **Race:** | White, citizen (White) |
| **State of Residence:** | California |
| **County or City:** | Los Angeles |
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| **Enlistment Date:** | 20 Jan 1941 |
| **Enlistment State:** | California |
| **Enlistment City:** | Los Angeles |
| **Branch:** | Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA |
| **Branch Code:** | Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA |
| **Grade:** | Private |
| **Grade Code:** | Private |
| **Component:** | Selectees (Enlisted Men) |
| **Source:** | Civil Life |
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| **Education:** | Grammar school |
| **Civil Occupation:** | Semiskilled cement and concrete finishers |
| **Marital Status:** | Single, without dependents |
| **Height:** | 70 |
| **Weight:** | 157 |

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**WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas**

*Source: National Archives and Records Administration. Register, World War II Dead Interred in American Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil and World War II and Korea Missing or Lost or Buried at Sea. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.*

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| **Name:** | Edward D Contreras |
| **Inducted From:** | California |
| **Rank:** | Sergeant |
| **Combat Organization:** | 30th Infantry 3rd Division |
| **Death Date:** | 9 Feb 1944 |
| **Monument:** | Sicily & Rome, Italy |
| **Last Known Status:** | Buried |
| **U.S. Awards:** | Purple Heart Medal |

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**Headstone Inscription and Interment Record**

*Name, Rank, Organization, State, Date of Death, Grave No*.

EDWARD D. CONTRERAS

SGT 30 INF 3 DIV

CALIFORNIA FEB 9, 1944

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*Service Number:*

39225373

*Permanent Cemetery:*

NETTUNO 5202

Block J, Row 4, Grave 7

*Temporary Cemetery:*

5260

Block F, Row 27, Grave 751

*Name & Address of Next of Kin:*

MR. ROBERT P. CONTRERAS

POST OFFICE BOX 103

CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA

\*\* attaching original image \*\*

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Burial at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy

Link to his memorial:

<https://www.abmc.gov/search-abmc-burials-and-memorializations/detail/WWII_78503#.Vd0DpYeFOUk>

Findagrave has basic info but no portrait or photos of marker

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Other than 1912 given as Edward’s year of birth, I could not find his full date of birth on his military or memorial records.

Per census & other Ancestry records, he was born in Arizona. Parents are Robert Contreras & Virginia Delgado Contreras, both from Arizona. 1920 & 1930 the family is living in Imperial County, CA. Unable to find the family in 1940, but I did find his parents living in Castaic in 1942:

Robert Contreras registered for the draft in 1942. He gave the following information:

**Robert Contreras**

**b. June 26, 1888, Arizona**

**spouse: Virginia Contreras**

**Address: Route 3, Ronalds Court, Hwy 99, Castaic, CA**

**Employed by Valpredo Bros., Newhall Ranch, in Saugus**

AZ Dept of Health Services has older birth certificates online. I believe I’ve found Edward’s and am attaching it. I also found his sister’s, so it is probably him. Date of birth is December 1, 1912. Since it is not confirmed, you may not wish to use it.

**1920 Census, Calexico, Imperial, California, United States**

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| **Household** | **Role** | **Gender** | **Age** | **Birthplace** |
| Roberto Contreras  | Head | M | 32 | Arizona Occ: Laborer, Gen Farm |
| Virginia Contreras  | Wife | F | 32 | Arizona |
| Edward Contreras  | Son | M | 7 | Arizona |
| Emily Contreras  | Daughter | F | 3 | California |
| Susie Contreras  | Daughter | F | 1 | California |

**1930 Census, Holtville, Imperial, California, United States**

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| **Household** | **Role** | **Gender** | **Age** | **Birthplace** |
| Roberto Contreras  | Head | M | 41 | Arizona Occ: Truck Farm |
| Virginia Contreras  | Wife | F | 43 | Arizona |
| Edward Contreras  | Son | M | 18 | Arizona |
| Emilia Contreras  | Daughter | F | 14 | California |
| Susie Contreras  | Daughter | F | 12 | California |
| Margaret Contreras  | Daughter | F | 9 | Arizona |
| Carmen Contreras  | Daughter | F | 5 | California |
| Ofelia Contreras  | Daughter | F | 3 | California |

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**Attachments**:

Headstone Inscription and Interment Record

Article – List of killed in action

Los Angeles Times, April 20, 1944

Birth certificate – unconfirmed