

Horace J. Gibbs

U.S. Army

Private – Corps of Engineers



Missing In Action – November 26, 1943 – Mediterranean Sea



China–Burma–India Theater



	Purple Heart	
American Campaign Medal	European-North African-Middle Eastern Campaign	World War II Victory Medal
Gibbs was a Private in the U.S. Army, 853rd Engineers Battalion Aviation. He was killed/missing in action Nov. 27, 1943, on board the <i>HMT Rohna</i> in the Mediterranean Sea north of Algeria. The attack constitutes the largest loss of U.S. troops (1,015) at sea in a single incident. The ship was sunk by an air attack of the German Luftwaffe using guided glide bombs (first guided missile attack in history). He is memorialized at <i>Tablets of the Missing North Africa American Cemetery</i>, Carthage, Tunisia. He was born in Polk County, the son of Burgin Callaway Gibbs and Florence Jackson, and the husband of Mable Searcy. He was living in the Gerton community in 1940. He enlisted in 1943 from Henderson County.		