



Walter K. Tuzeneu was born at home in Asbury Park, NJ on October 8, 1920. He began his military service at Fort Bragg on June 25, 1942. He served with the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division. He fought in the European Theater of Operations: in the D-Day and Battle of the Bulge Campaigns, 'The Bridge Too Far' in Holland, and the liberation of a concentration camp in northern Germany. He earned five Bronze arrows for service in participating in five of seven campaigns that the 82nd Airborne Division were a part of: Sicily, Italy, Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, the campaign in Holland. His service included time in England, Ireland, Holland, The Netherlands, France, Italy, Africa, and Germany. Because of their involvement in such dangerous combat missions, losing 900 of 1500 men from their battalion, they were amongst the first troops to return home. His service concluded on August 15, 1945.

He resumed civilian life, attended Rutgers University studying Meteorology which laid the foundation of his career with the Federal Government, first in Meteorological Research and later in electronic warfare. He was involved in the testing of nuclear weapons in Nevada. This included his participation in the field study of the effects of an atomic blast where he was among those at an unprotected location 1.5 miles from the detonation site. He retired in 1981 and still resides at the home which he designed and built, and where he and his wife, Marguerite, raised their five children. He is the author of two books, the second of which is his memoir of his service in WWII entitled, *'The Knot Will Hold'*.