



Facts

Family events

Name and gender

Family

Siblings

Sources

# ewis "Buttercup" CARPENTER CPL

18 • Humble, Harris Co, TX 466-05-3040

83 • Prescott, Yavapai Co., Arizona

## Timeline

### Age 0 – Birth

27 Nov 1918 •

-05-3040

### Age 12 – Residence

1930 • Austin, Texas

### Age 22 – Residence

1940 • Bellville, Austin Co., Texas

### Age 22 – Military

14 Jan 1941 • ARMY Enlistment Date 1: 14 Jan 1941 Release Date 1: 14 Feb 1946

### Age 22 – Military

Jan 1941 • enlisted US ARMY at Houston, Texas

### Age 23 – Military

Dec 1941 • 38050412 Sub Unit: D Battery

### Age 23 – Military

24 Feb 1942 • 131 FA TXNG

### Age 25 – Military

1943 • POW Singapore CPL ARMY 38050412



### Age 26 – Military

12 Sep 1945 • Malaya POW Camp Malay

thought to be KING RAT in the James Clavell novel who was also a POW at Changi, Singapore originally part of Tharp Grp; left in Singapore

### Age 64 – Death

12 Sep 1983 • Prescott, Yavapai Co., Arizona

COD listed as suicide

## Burial

Oak Knoll Cemetery; Bellville, Austin Co., Texas

## Also Known As

suggested as a candidate for the composite character of KING RAT in the Clavell novel

## Sources

### Ancestry Sources



1930 United States Federal Census



Ancestry Family Trees



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Arizona, Birth Records, 1880-1935



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U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current



U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014



U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946



UK, Allied Prisoners of War, 1939-1945



World War II Prisoners of the Japanese, 1941-1945



World War II Prisoners of War, 1941-1946

### Web links



KING RAT of novel fame  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King\\_Rat\\_\(Clavell\\_novel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Rat_(Clavell_novel))