

The Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial



Kenneth W. Stevens
Lieutenant
State
Died: 06/09/1944

On June 9, 1944 Lt. Kenneth W. Stevens died while patrolling the Connecticut River. Lieutenant Stevens of Chester was the commanding officer of the Groton station and worked with the Navy to keep the military installations secure. Stevens was on the Connecticut River in a State Police patrol boat about 6:00 PM when the boat struck an obscure pile from an old pier. He and four other officers were thrown into the river. As the five men swam towards shore, the other four men reported they saw Steven's body go rigid and start to float away on the surface. Stevens was pulled from the water, and following the autopsy the medical examiner concluded he had suffered a massive heart attack.