

Hoosier Heroes—Leslie and Garrett Lose Lives; Lamb, Pappas and Fahy Receive Battle Wounds in Germany

Pvt. Robert Leslie, husband of Mrs. Ruth Leslie, 1019 River ave., who previously was reported missing in Germany Dec. 4, was killed on that date, the war department informed his wife Sunday.

A machine gunner with the Infantry, he entered the army in April and went overseas in September. He formerly was employed by the Central garage and was 24.

Survivors besides his wife are three daughters, Nora, 3; Vivian, 2, and Karen, 1; his mother, Mrs. Nora Leslie, 2157 S. Meridian st.; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Young, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crouch.

Motor Machinist's Mate 1-c Revis Garrett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Revis Garrett Sr., Evansville, died of wounds following action in the Pacific, his parents were informed Nov. 29.

He entered the navy July 10, 1942, and trained at Great Lakes and the Indianapolis naval armor, going overseas March 20, 1944. A graduate of Reitz high school, Evansville, he was employed at the International Steel Co. before enlisting in the navy.

Survivors besides his parents are a sister, Mrs. Marvin Edmond, also of Evansville.

Pvt. Robert Lamb, who was wounded in Germany Nov. 9, is convalescing in a Paris hospital.

Son of Mrs. Bertha Lamb, 515 Tecumseh st., he has been overseas with a tank division since July 7. A former employee of the Claypool hotel, he entered the army Sept. 25, 1943, and is 20. His brother, Pvt. George Lamb, is serving in Holland.

Pvt. James V. Pappas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pappas, 1702 N. Esposito ave., was wounded Nov. 23 in Germany.

A member of the intelligence section of the infantry, he sept home several German souvenirs in October, including an officers' watch and uniform, officers' dress knives, medals, money, insignia and a camouflage tent. He is a graduate of Cathedral high school.

Nazis Reported Fleeing in Salient

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six miles southeast, and Neffe, two miles east.

Iron Out Nazi Bulges

Patton's gains had ironed out the German bulges on each side of Bastogne, removing any current threat to the citadel. His units pushed on to the north toward Houffalize, 10 miles above Bastogne on the Liege highway.

A German communiqué said the Americans were trying to break through toward Houffalize, a possible hint that they were approaching that town.

The steady gains of the 3d army threatened to lop off the western half of the German salient. It was this mounting threat which apparently prompted the Nazi withdrawal from the bulge west of the line through Bastogne.

A field dispatch timed at 8 o'clock this morning (2 a.m. Indianapolis time) said all contact had been lost with the Nazi armored divisions that had been holding the western tip of the salient.

The Americans were advancing eastward against light rear guard resistance, the dispatch said.

United Press Correspondent Boyd Lewis reported the German withdrawal.

Meuse Threat Ended?

It apparently ended for the time being Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's threat to the Meuse river line.

The Nazis apparently were alarmed by the growing threat of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army assault on their southern flank.

They were believed gathering their crack panzer units in the center of the Ardennes in preparation for a new attempt to break through the American ring.

The attack may be directed north toward Liege and Antwerp or south against Patton's troops.

Lewis censored dispatch did not specify the location of the American forces advancing against the nose of the German salient.

The Yank counter-drive at last reports, now more than 36 hours old, had punched back some 12 miles from positions only four miles east of the Meuse to recapture Rochefort, 24 miles northwest of Bastogne. Meanwhile, the S. H. A. E. F. communiqué and field dispatches from Patton's attack front—all delayed 24 to 36 hours by censorship—said the 3d army was grinding steadily into the southern flanks of the Ardennes salient in a broadening front north east and west of Bastogne.

Veterans of the American 9th armored division gave the Nazis a resounding beating in the wooded hills southeast of Bastogne New Year's eve.

They halted a powerful armored force that tried repeatedly to cut the supply corridor below that town.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Minature Room display, L. S. Ayres & Co. 6th floor. Indiana Association of County and District Fair, convention, Lincoln hotel, 12-15 p.m. Lutheran Service club luncheon, Lincoln hotel, 12-15 p.m.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana Association of County and District Fair, convention, Lincoln hotel. Indiana State Board of Agriculture, convention, Lincoln hotel. Indiana State Medical Examining Board, convention, Claypool hotel.

BIRTHS

Girls
Mary Shirley Weatherman, at St. Vincent's. George Maxine Burkert, at St. Vincent's. Lea Harry, Mary Birmingham, at St. Vincent's. Wayne Margaret Hawkins, at St. Vincent's. Eleanor Johnson, at St. Vincent's. Conrad Loretta Johnson, at St. Vincent's. Carolyn Fay Rogers, at St. Vincent's. Marie Wright, at St. Vincent's.



Pfc. Donald E. Sterrett, son of Mrs. Elsworth Sterrett, 3221 Roosevelt ave., and husband of Mrs. Mary Sterrett, Connersville, has been missing in the Luxembourg area since Dec. 6.

Pvt. Pappas, who is 21, entered the army Oct. 23, 1943. He formerly was a salesman for the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

A brother, Capt. Bernard A. Pappas, has served overseas 22 months.

Sgt. Cletus B. Fahy, brother of Miss Imelda Fahy, 1308 Central ave., was wounded Dec. 8 while in action with the 1st army in Germany.

A graduate of Brownsburg high school, he was a nurseryman for the Eagle Creek Nurseries, Inc., before entering the army in January 1941. He went overseas in August, 1942.

Member of a tank battalion, he is 23 and a brother, Cpl. Joseph Fahy, is stationed in New Hampshire. A sister, Marguerite, lives at the above address and a brother, Edward, is in Brownsburg.

First Lt. Howard E. Smith, whose wife, Mrs. Victoria Theresa Smith, and daughter, live at 5044 E. 10th st., has been awarded the air medal with one oak leaf cluster. He is serving as a photo reconnaissance pilot with the 15th army air force in Italy.

The son of Mrs. Florence E. DeLong, West Lafayette, Lt. Smith was graduated from West Lafayette high school, and formerly was employed by the Lafayette plant of the Aluminum Co. of America.

GRAND JURY SWORN IN BY JUDGE BAIN

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and Tuesdays, holding its first session next Monday. The jurors will serve for six months.

Petit Jury of 20 Members Picked

An expanded petit jury panel of 20 members was chosen today by Judge William D. Bain, of criminal court.

Departing from customary selection of 12 members, the panel was requested by Prosecutor Sherwood Blue to "guarantee" jurors when needed.

In practice, the new panel will form the nucleus of future venires, inasmuch as members of the panel will be among the prospective jurors summoned.

The panel chosen consists of the following:

Louis G. Bauer, 2818 Brookside pkwy., a retired farmer.

Mrs. Jane Batten, 574 Trowbridge st., housewife.

Mrs. J. B. Gossett, 1221 Park ave., housewife.

Mrs. Ethel Dickinson, 4451 Central ave., housewife.

Mrs. Jora Yoke, 1327 Linden st., housewife.

Mrs. Irene Pryun, 1402 N. La Salle st., housewife.

B. R. Fleming, 2911 Washington blvd., retired.

Mrs. Vest Harding, 1125 Harding st., housewife.

Mrs. Arlene Saifker, 4015 Ruckle st., housewife.

Mrs. Frieda Crist, 431 N. Gladstone, housewife.

Mrs. Frieda Bowen, Wanamaker, housewife.

Mrs. Mary Shannon, 1334 N. La Salle st., housewife.

Leroy C. Bush, 117 N. Alabama st., veteran of world war I and II.

Mrs. Charles Dugan, 211 Hendricks pl., housewife.

Mrs. Helen Hogan, 1525 N. Rural st., housewife.

Mrs. Helen Payne, 1239 N. Rural st., housewife.

Dan Jones, 4513 E. 10th st., retired.

Herbert Stewart, 340 W. 43d st., retired engineer.

John Melvin, 846½ Virginia ave.

Mrs. Eva Vance, 1521 N. Tuxedo st., housewife.

and isolate Patton's advanced spearheads to the north.

Attacking all day Sunday and through the night, the Germans by Monday morning had gained about 200 yards in the Lutrebois sector at a cost of 67 tanks.

Thirty-two of the panzers were wrecked in a tremendous battle with the 9th division's tanks, tank destroyers and bazooka gunners.

Another 35 were blasted by American dive-bombers and rocket-firing fighters.

Fontaine Honored
Smith Honored

in England, has been awarded the bronze star. The aircraft which he services has flown a total of 407 hours of operational time representing 107 combat missions without any mechanical difficulties.

Sgt. Kilbourne is the husband of Mrs. Lavan C. Fontaine, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourne W. Fontaine, all of 1125 N. Beville ave.

A former employee of the Allison division of General Motors, he entered the service July 24, 1941, and has been stationed in the European theater two years.

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