

Hoosier Heroes: Four Local Servicemen Killed in Europe, Two Others Reported as Missing



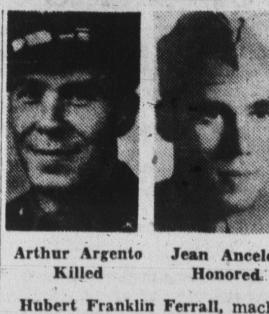
Lt. Leland P. (Parmley) Fishback . . . missing over Japan.



Pfc. Esker T. Skaggs . . . prisoner of Germany.



S. Sgt. John E. Horn . . . killed in plane crash in England.



Arthur Argento Killed



Jean Anele Honored



Raymond Mogle Wounded



John Metcalf Honored

Kenneth Wise Honored

Leo Baker Honored

Four Indianapolis servicemen have been killed in the European war theater, according to today's casualty lists. In addition a flight engineer on a B-29 is missing over Japan, and an engineer-gunner on a B-17 is missing over Germany. One man previously reported missing is a German prisoner, and another prisoner has been liberated by the American armies.

KILLED

S. Sgt. John E. Horn, 28 N. Third ave., Beech Grove in England. T. 5th Gr. Arthur W. Argento, 2001 Lafayette rd., in France.

Pfc. Alvin K. Haney, 523 N. Delaware st., in Belgium.

Pvt. Robert C. Dooley, 2120 Clay st., freed from German prison camp.

MISSING

Lt. Leland P. (Parmley) Fishback, 3703 Broadway terrace, over Japan.

S. Sgt. John E. (Jack) Colvin Jr., 1406 N. Colorado ave., over Germany.

PFC. PRISONER

Pfc. Esker T. Skaggs, 1104 N. Oriental st., of Germany.

SAFE

Pvt. Robert C. Dooley, 2120 Clay st., freed from German prison camp.

DEAD

Pvt. John J. Sledge, son of Mrs. Una B. Haugh, R. R. 20, Box 738, and C. E. Sledge, 720 Russell ave., was killed in Germany March 25.

His mother was notified of his death the day before his 20th birthday. Previously wounded in the foot, he was born near Franklin and entered the army Sept. 4, 1943. He went overseas last August.

Survivors besides his parents are three sisters, Mrs. Mary Chaves, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Mabel Sledge and Mrs. Beulah Breckenridge, Morgantown, and five brothers, including Machinist Mate 2-c I. J. Sledge, in England; Cpl. Harold Sledge, a paratrooper at Wakesaw, Mich., Camp Atterbury.

Pfc. Alvin K. Haney, husband of Mrs. Mary E. Haney, 523 N. Delaware st., was killed Dec. 18, in Belgium while serving in the in-

fantry with the 30th division of the 9th army.

Overseas since September, 1944, the 21-year-old soldier had earned the combat infantryman's badge. He entered the army in May, 1943, and formerly lived at Gaston, Ore.

Surviving besides his wife, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haney, of Gaston, Ore.; a brother, Pfc. Orville Haney, in California; and a sister, Mrs. Cecil Tower, Forest Grove, Ore.

T. 5th Gr. Arthur W. Argento, husband of Mrs. Yolanda A. Argento, 2601 Lafayette rd., died March 18, in France. Two wounds received two days before his death are that country.

An infantryman with the 7th army, Technician Argento had been previously wounded Feb. 10, but had returned to combat 10 days later. A former resident of Lancaster, O., he was 28 and had entered service in May, 1942, and had gone across last October.

Surviving besides the wife, are the mother, Mrs. Melvin Work, Lancaster, O., who is in Indianapolis now; a small daughter, Roberta Susan, 2½, and a brother, Pvt. Carl W. Argento, with an anti-aircraft unit in France.

PRISONERS

Pfc. Esker T. Skaggs, who was reported missing in action Nov. 13, 1944, in France, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

S. Sgt. John E. Horn, brother of Walter Horn, 88 N. Third ave., Beech Grove, was killed March 25, in a plane crash while serving with the 8th air force in England.

In a letter written by the co-pilot, one of the two survivors, Mr. Horn learned that "it happened so quickly they didn't have a chance." The 24-year-old sergeant was buried in Cambridge Military cemetery, Cambridge, Eng.

Overseas since August, he held the air medal with three oak leaf clusters. He was a former employee of the Lukas-Harold Corp. Surviving besides his brother, are his father, John Horn, Lancaster, O.; another brother, Russell Horn, Greensboro, N. C., and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Cummins, Saginaw, Mich.

MISSING

Lt. Leland P. (Parmley) Fishback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland K. Fishback, 3703 Broadway terrace, and

WOUNDED

Pfc. James A. Spellman, husband of Mrs. Isabell Spellman, 219 N. Gray st., and son of Mrs. Mary Spellman, 340 Eastern ave., is back on duty after recovering from wounds received in Luxembourg Feb. 9.

Awarded the purple heart, he is overseas since June. He attended Cathedral high school and was employed by the P. R. Mallory Co. before entering the army in July, 1942.

He has two brothers in service, 2d Lt. Thomas Spellman, in the South Pacific, and Sgt. Paul Spellman, stationed in Alabama.

Pfc. John M. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins Jones, 423 S. Park ave., was injured in Germany March 18. He is 19.

Overseas since December, he holds the combat infantryman badge and was employed by the U. S. Rubber Co. before entering the army March 4, 1944. He attended Manual high school.

Marine Pfc. Dale R. Martz, husband of Mrs. Wilma Martz, 306 S. Walcott st., was wounded on Guam twice last July and returned to this country in January. He and Mrs. Martz are now at Parris Island, S. C.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Martz, 228 N. LaSalle st., he was overseas a year.

Cpl. Christian L. Gerhardt, husband of Mrs. Doris V. Gerhardt, 1821 Barth ave., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gerhardt, 2315 Dudley ave., was wounded in Germany March 18, but has written his wife that he is all right.

A member of the 78th infantry division of the 1st army, he is 28 and went overseas last October. He is a graduate of Southport high school and was employed by the Marmon-Herrington Co. before entering the army Feb. 12, 1942. He holds the combat infantryman badge.

Hit by shrapnel March 24, as he was crossing the Rhine, Pfc. Raymond F. Mogle, has written his wife, Mrs. Stella R. Mogle, 924 Coffey st., that he is recovering in a hospital in England.

An infantryman with the 9th army, Pvt. Mogle, was previously wounded Dec. 11, in France. His purple heart has been sent home to his wife and an oak leaf cluster is on its way to her.

Pvt. Mogle is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Mogle, 1505 Spann ave., and has a brother, Sgt. Robert Mogle, who is with the air force. A former employee of the U. S. Rubber Co., Pvt. Mogle has been overseas since last August.

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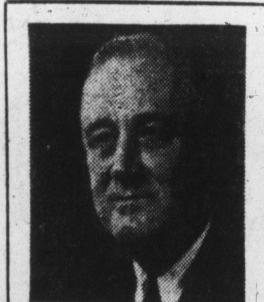
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