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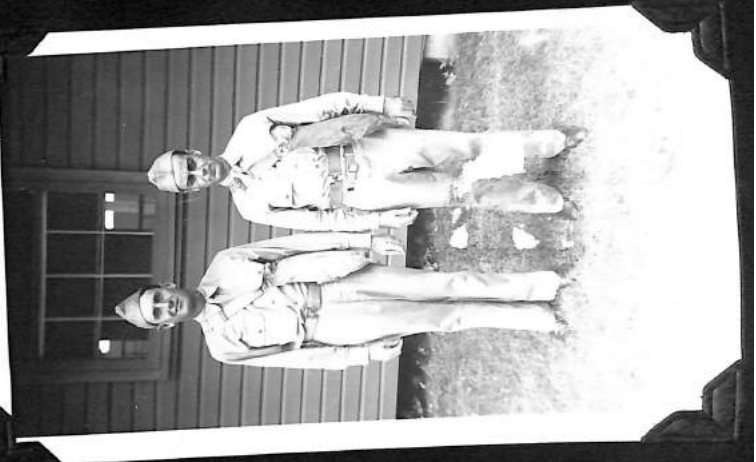


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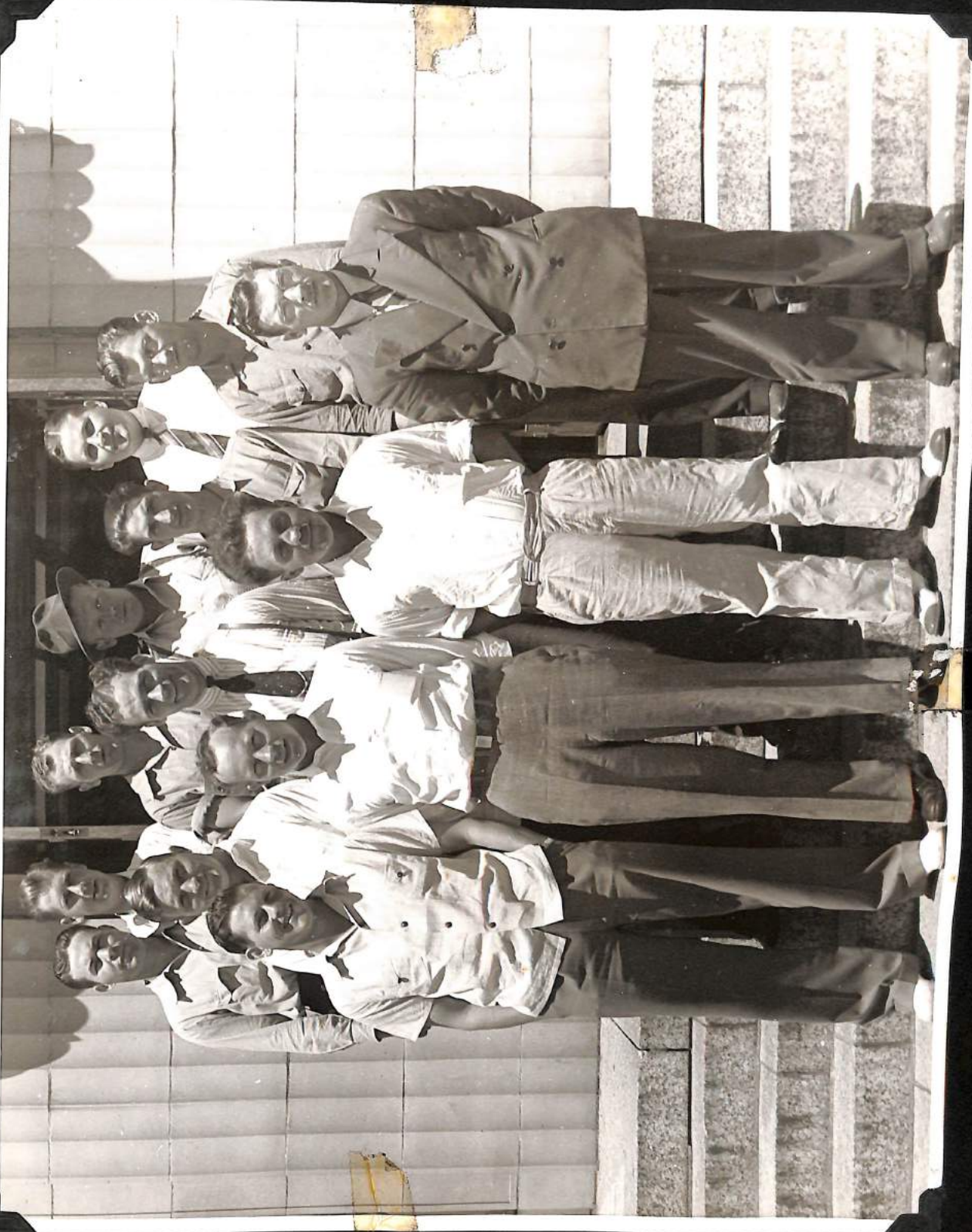
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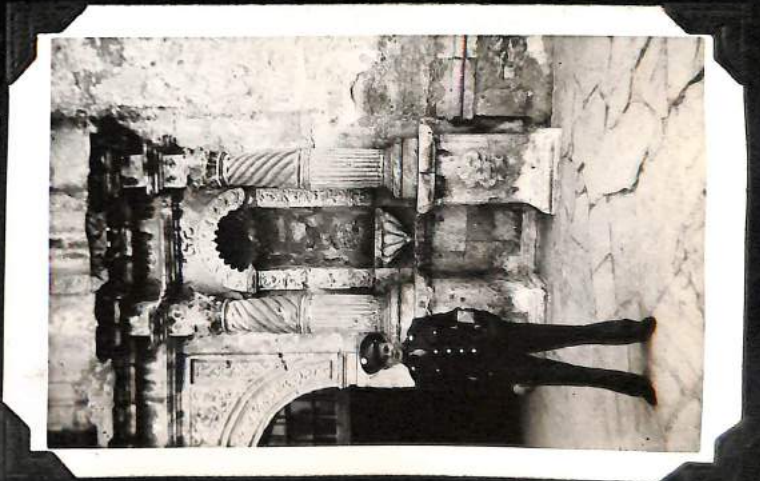
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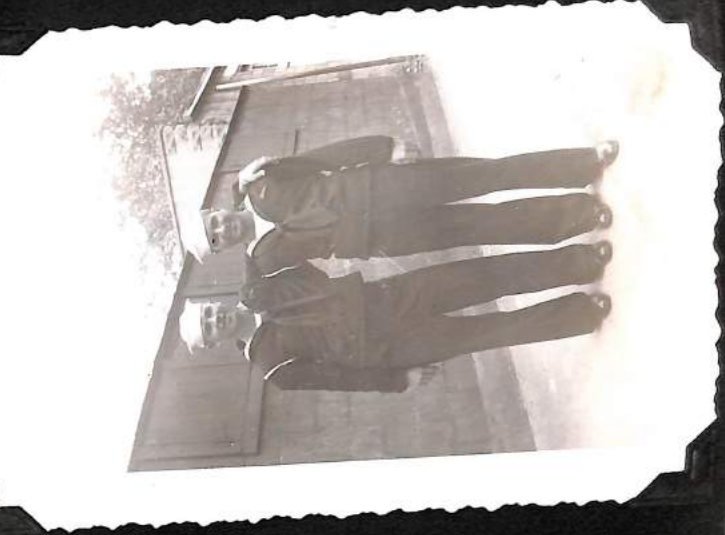




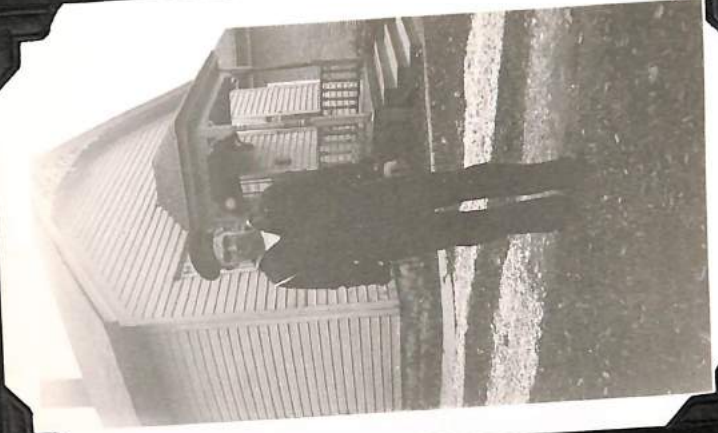




























Lester L. Ferris, F 2/c, husband
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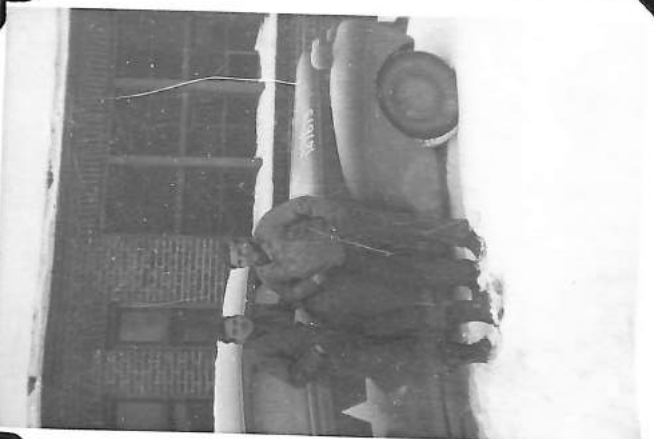
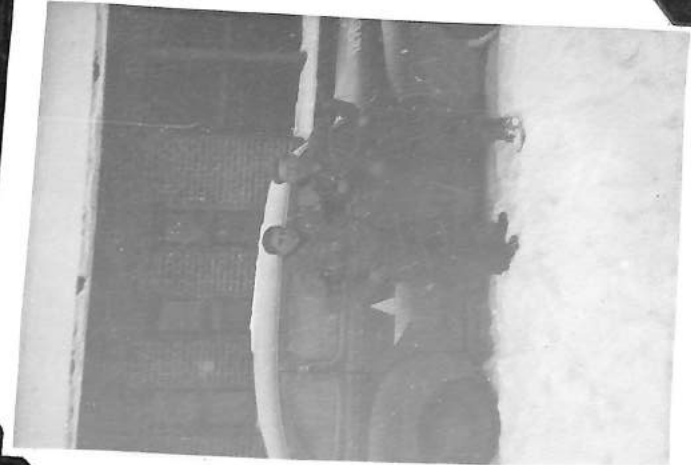


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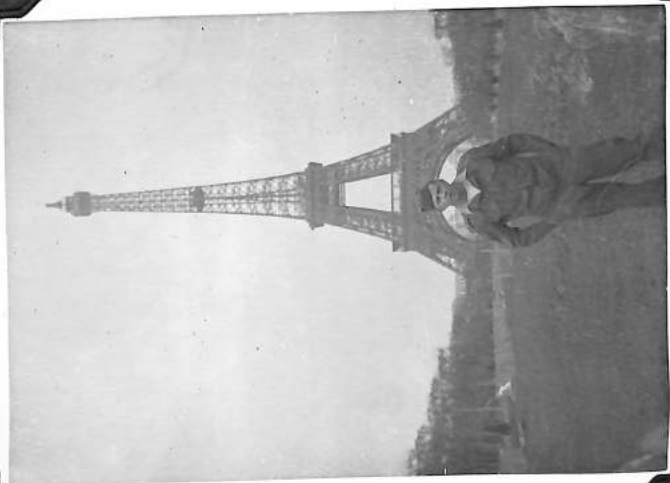
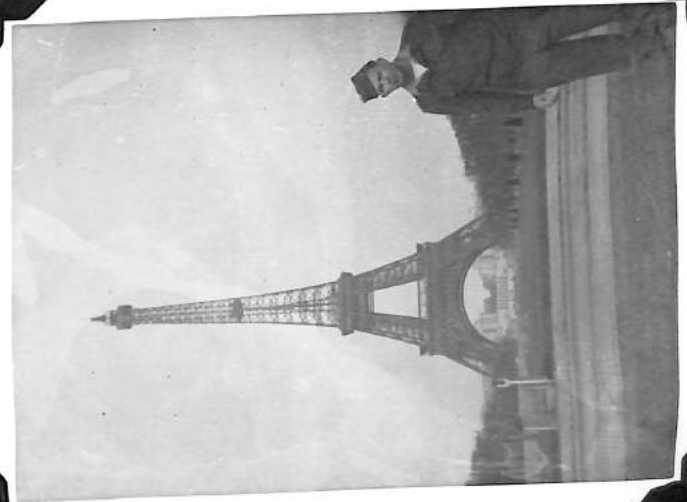
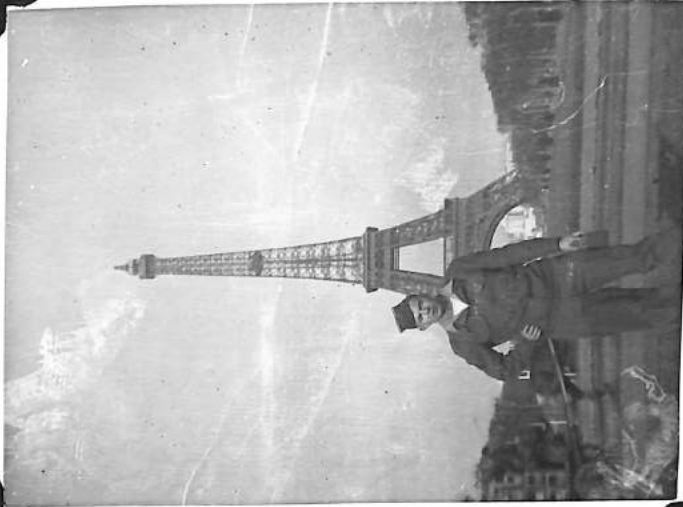


















The Weather

Continued cool tonight. Some what warmer Tuesday forenoon. Winds 5 to 10 miles per hour.

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To Rome

Allies Keep Germans Retreating By New Leap Frog Tactics

MAZIS TRYING TO RETAKE ISLAND FROM BRITISH

Allied troops kept the Germans retreating along the bomb-torn roads to Rome today with a leap-frog advance up the Adriatic coast and a thrust across the Calore river that may have pieced the enemy's first defense line above Naples. Driving relentlessly to prevent the British 8th Army troops adopted tactics perfected in Sicily for an amphibious operation up the east coast to Termoli, 130 miles east and slightly north of Rome. Advancing from Foglia, the main body of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's troops quickly caught up with the landing forces who won Italian points within easy overwater reach of the Bal-Dalmatia coast, where Jugoslavians were reported engaged in heavy fighting against the Germans. Allied 5th Army forces captured the Calore river which the Volturno to the west was believed to be the first spot where the enemy would try to stand after being

Award Presented



Tells Senate Many

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costello today received a Purple Heart citation certificate awarded posthumously to their son, Pvt. Ray Costello of the U.S. Marine corps who lost his life in service on July 1. The Purple Heart will be delivered in about two months, being held up for special engraving. They were also notified that six months after the wars and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medals would be presented them.

HEADQUARTERS, Pacific, Oct. 4.—Allied forces firmly in control of the Huon peninsula today and the entire 7,000-mile 93-day campaign that the Japanese hold on New Guinea, and a spokesman said today. Douglas MacArthur described the next half-year "If they give us means to do it." Australian veterans of the Mid-Eastern campaign storm-captured Finschhafen Saturday. It days after their landing on the coast six north of the seaport. They 10 Japanese Marines in the second Australian force snatched the enemy grip on the Guinea coast between Finschhafen and Madaya, 165 miles north, with an overland up the Markham river valley. That outflanked all the Japanese coastal positions south of the victory, coupled with the September conquests of Lae and Salamaua, put MacArthur's 70-mile wide bridgehead across the New Britain, site of the main Southwest Pacific command of Rabaul. Established outposts and one

Missing



Pfc. Lew W. June, better known here as "Bob Pons", Grundy county's only Chinese man in the service, has been reported missing in action in France as of Jan. 18. He is the son of Lew Hong of here and was serving with an infantry outfit.

Word Is Received From Jap Prisoner, Pvt. Bob McCormick

Pvt. Robert "Bob" McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick, 404 E. North street, is still living and his parents were naturally joyful over this fact, although he is still a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines.

A form postcard was received from him yesterday which was a little different from the cards the family received from him in the past. This was the first one received since Aug. 14.

The card received yesterday allowed the prisoner to write 50 words on it and Bob wrote 40 in which he said he had thoughts of home and his parents and hoped to see them soon. He also said he was in good health and sent his regards to all his friends.

His mother recognized his handwriting. There are no dates on these cards but they are sent from the same place Military Prison No. 1.

Pvt. McCormick was a member of the 27th Group in the 91st Bombing Squadron and was captured with other members of the squadron Nov. 20, 1941, by the Japs in the Philippines. The last letter received here before his capture was addressed from Ft. McKinley in Manila.

He entered the army as a mechanic in the air corps in August, 1941, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and from there to Savannah, Ga. Next place was Angel Island, Calif., and from there to the Philippines.

The squadron was first heard from in the Battle of Bataan where they were surrounded and taken prisoners.

Hear From Prisoner



Pvt. Robert "Bob" McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick, a prisoner-of-war since 1941, has written to his parents here. Yesterday the first word since last August was received and Pvt. McCormick said he was in good health.

Missing In Action



Pfc. "Bill" Marshall has been reported missing since Dec. 16, in Germany. He was inducted March 2, 1944, and went overseas Nov. 1. He is a brother of Miss Marjorie Marshall, of here. He had been a resident of Morris, for three years and was employed in Myrick Hatchery.

Ace Is Missing



CAPT. J. W. GONNAM

Capt. Jesse W. Gonnam, high-scoring Thunderbolt fighter pilot of Verona, was reported missing in action over German territory since April 23 in a message received Wednesday by his wife, Gwendolyn Walker Gonnam, of Mazon.

Capt. Gonnam was a veteran of more than 50 combat missions over enemy occupied Europe. He had destroyed five German fighters and accounted for three of his kills during the bomber escort mission for which his group received a special commendation from Lieut. Gen. James A. Doolittle.

Gonnam had been decorated eight times and wore the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Before entering the armed forces he had engaged in farming with his father William Gonnam, near Verona.

Lt. Gordon Willetts of Grand Island, Nebr., who had served as Gonnam's wingman on most of his combat missions and had engaged with him in many dog-fights was also reported missing in action at about the same time as Gonnam, it was learned here.

PFC. SILAS HAUGE KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc. Silas Hauge of Morris has met death in action somewhere in the South Pacific war theater, according to a cablegram from the War Department received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hauge, of Lisbon, former Morris residents.

The message from the War Department stated:

"We wish to express with the deepest regret that your son, Pfc. Silas T. Hauge, was killed in action, April 16, in the war area of the South Pacific. A letter will follow."

Silas Hauge was 30 years old last November 13 and was born and reared in Morris and always lived here. He entered the army from Morris in March, 1941, and had been overseas about two years. He was in the infantry.

Has Brother Also Overseas

A brother, Harold, who is also a first-class private, is also overseas in the South Pacific. He is 27 and entered the service at the age of 17.

Beside his parents, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Donald Peterson, whose home is in Elgin but as her husband is in service she is living with her parents. There are three brothers surviving besides Harold. They are Orville, Truman and Tifted, all of Morris. There are also two sisters beside Mrs. Peterson. They are Thelma of Morris, employed at the Morris Paper Mills and Betty, who is a student at Morris high school.

Before going into service Silas was employed as truck driver for Fred Brooks.



Improves



Pvt. John Halloran, reported seriously wounded in battle, is showing marked improvement, according to word sent to his parents here from the war department.

Pvt. John Halloran Greatly Improved

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Halloran, 317 E. Benton street, received word Saturday from J. A. Ullo of the adjutant general's office in the war department at Washington, that their son, Pvt. John Halloran, who was seriously injured in battle Feb. 28, '43, "is making marked improvement." His parents immediately wired him that the folks at home were all well and to "keep your chin up."

The first news of the son's injuries came March 8 and stated he was in North African area. Pvt. Halloran is the first casualty heard of from over 100 young men from Immaculate Conception parish in service.

"Bob" McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick has not been heard from by his parents in over a year and four months and the government has not reported him missing. His parents now believe that their son is living and is a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines. A report was given out Saturday that a young soldier from Peru who had not been heard from for two years had written his parents a few days ago that he was a prisoner of the Japs. Young McCormick went to the Philippines and had written home on Thanksgiving day, 1941.



Aug 1 1943

SERGEANT TABLER DECLARED DEAD BY ARMY

S/Sgt. Francis (Feet) Tabler was reported dead in a cablegram received last night by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tabler, 626 E. Jefferson street. The cablegram stated in effect that the young soldier, who was reported missing in action March 25, 1943, was officially considered dead on March 26, the day after he was reported missing.

The location was described as in the Pacific area and as he was a turret gunner in the air service and on a B-25 bomber, it is presumed the plane was shot down. The government expressed sympathy and regrets and said that a letter would follow.

Francis Tabler was born July 18, 1917 at Seneca and was educated in Immaculate Conception school, Morris. He graduated from Morris high school, class of 1937, and attended the Chicago Art Institute one year. He entered the U. S. Army service May 3, 1942. He graduated from aerial gunnery school at Tyndall, Fla., in September, 1942 and was made a top turret gunner on a B-25 bomber. He left the United States March 5, 1943.

He has two brothers in service, Corp. Edward V. Tabler, Army Air corps, Stuttgart, Ark., and Corp. James R. Tabler, Infantry division, stationed in Australia. There are two boys at home with the parents, George and William. There are also five sisters at home, Helen, Jane and Jean twins, Patricia and Shirley.

Young Tabler is the second soldier from Morris to make the supreme sacrifice. The other was Pvt. John Steele.

The last letter Sgt. Tabler had written home was on March 9, 1943 and he was then on the Hawaiian Islands.

July 13 1943

Reported Killed



S/Sgt. Francis Tabler of Morris, has been officially reported killed by the War Department in a notice received by his parents.

July 26 1943

Report Tabler Plane Dived Into Pacific

The letter of further information promised by the War Department in the death of S/Sgt. Francis Tabler, was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tabler Saturday and is as follows:

"I profoundly regret that it is necessary to confirm my telegram of recent date announcing the death of your son Staff Sergeant Francis L. Tabler, who was recently reported missing in the Pacific area.

"The recent casualty report received in this office from the commanding general of that area states that your son was a crew member of an airplane which crashed into the sea during action in the Pacific area. An extensive search was made over a wide area which I am sorry to say did not reveal a trace of its personnel.

"In view of the compelling evidence at hand it has been determined that your son was killed while on his duty mission on March 26, 1943.

"I regret that because of extensive search and investigation this report has been unavoidably delayed.

"I extend my deepest sympathy in your great loss, J. A. Uilo, The Adjutant General."

Celebrate Mass for Sergeant Tabler

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tabler attended the requiem mass in Immaculate Conception church this morning at 9 o'clock for their son, S/Sgt. Francis Tabler, who was killed in action March 26. His death made the first gold star from Immaculate Conception parish in a roll of honor of 130 youths and girls in service.

Rev. E. P. McDonough celebrated the mass and gave a sermon on those who have made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their country and those who may be called upon at any time to follow the example of Sgt. Tabler. Mrs. J. H. Teller sang the mass and a solo "Ave Maria."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation to our friends and relatives who sent spiritual bouquets or in any way helped lessen our sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tabler and family.—Adv. 1177

AVIATION CADET OLSON DIES OF CRASH INJURY

The fourth soldier from Morris to give up his life in the world struggle is Naval Aviation Cadet Pershing (Jay) Olson, who died Sunday morning from injuries received in an airplane crash Saturday night at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. No particulars were received beyond the message that he had been seriously injured. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Olson, 613 E. Illinois avenue, and his eldest brother, Millard, started for Oklahoma but midway between Stretton and Chillicothe they received a message that he had died and they returned home.

The body will probably arrive here Wednesday, accompanied by a military escort and will be taken to the home of his parents. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in his parents' home and at 3:30 at Bethlehem Lutheran church. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Although Cadet Olson was not killed in battle he was in the service of his country when he met death. He was born in Morris 25 years ago and died on his birthday anniversary. He was a graduate of Morris high school and University of Illinois and has been in naval aviation service since last September. He has a brother, Glenn who is also in naval aviation, located at Portello, University of Idaho.

Besides his parents and brother Glenn he leaves the eldest brother Millard of Morris. During his naval aviation training he was a member of his battalion basketball team in Athens. Ga., which reached the finals of the regimental championship tournament. He was picked from among 2,500 cadets as a team member. He was selected during his Morris high school days as one of the school's greatest athletes, having had four years of basketball, three of football and three of baseball. He won an election to the All-Vermillion league backfield in football for two seasons and was placed as forward on the conference All-Star basketball team for two seasons. After graduating from the University of Illinois in electrical engineering he was employed by Westinghouse Electric Co. in Pittsburgh, Pa., until his enlistment in the naval aviation corps.

Return Body Of Cadet; Funeral Thursday

The body of Naval Aviation Cadet Pershing (Jay) Olson who lost his life in an airplane crash at Norman, Okla., last Sunday morning, arrived here about noon today. The arrival of the body in Joliet was delayed some hours by the lateness of a Santa Fe train. It was brought to the Hoganson funeral home and was to be taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson, 613 East Illinois avenue, late this afternoon. It will remain at the home where services will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon for the family and relatives. Public services in the Bethlehem Lutheran church will follow at 3:30. His brother, Glenn, who is studying aviation at the University of Idaho, arrived today for the services.

The body of Cadet Pershing "Jay" Olson, fatally injured in an airplane crash, was returned here today. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon.



Body Arrives

Rites Thursday for Cadet Olson

The body of Naval Aviation Cadet Pershing (Jay) Olson, who died from injuries in an airplane crash Sunday morning in Norman, Okla., will arrive in Joliet tomorrow morning at 8:35 over the Santa Fe railway, according to a message the family received this morning. It will be accompanied by a military escort. It will be brought to the Hoganson funeral home and in the afternoon will be returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson, on East Illinois avenue. Services for the family, which will be private, will be held in the Olson home at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and at 3:30 in Bethlehem Lutheran church. Burial will be in Saratoga cemetery.

Funeral Held For 4th Local Service Man

JULY 29, 1943

Naval Aviation Cadet Pershing (Jay) Olson was given a military burial in Saratoga cemetery this afternoon as a firing squad fired a volley over his grave. The young man is the fourth from Morris to make the supreme sacrifice and the only one whose body was brought back for burial. His body arrived here yesterday about noon from Norman, Okla., where his death followed an airplane crash. It was taken to the Hoganson funeral home and a short time later to the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Olson on East Illinois avenue. Large numbers of sympathizers called at the home since the arrival of the body in charge of Cadet Charles Martin, his roommate.

Services were held in the home of his parents this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The body was then taken to the Bethlehem Lutheran church for public services at 3:30. The church was crowded. Rev. A. L. Arrahamson officiated and Karl Arrahamson and Byron Amundsen sang, accompanied by Mrs. Michael Driman. Legion members were honorary escorts as were Cadets Charles Martin and Jack Harder in full uniform. Pallebears were John George, Eldon Nelson, Glen Ventres, Le Roy Mueller, Cadets Jack Harder and Clarence Martin.



4th Regimental Force

Dies In Action



Pfc. Ray F. Costello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costello, was reported killed in action in a message from the War Department which said he died "in action in the performance of his duty in the service of his country." More information was to be forwarded by letter, the message said.

Report Ray Costello Death on July 1

An official letter from the War Department today informed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costello that the death of their son, Ray F. Costello, occurred July 1. No additional information was contained in the message, except that he was buried at the scene.

RAY F. COSTELLO KILLED IN ACTION WITH MARINES

Pfc. Ray F. Costello, 19, is the latest Morris youth to give up his life for his country, according to an official cablegram received here yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costello, West Jackson street. The message was dated July 19 and signed by H. Holcomb, Lieut. General, U.S.M.C., Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps from the War Department at Washington.

The message read "Deeply regret to inform you that your son, Pfc. Ray F. Costello of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, was killed in action in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. To prevent possible aid to our enemies you will please not divulge the name of the ship or station. The present situation necessitates temporary inurement in the locality where death occurred and you will be notified accordingly. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. A letter will follow."

Ray was born in Ottawa and was 19 years old last Wednesday, July 14. He enlisted in the Marines, Sept. 11, 1942 and in a short time was made a member of the Marine Raiders after training in San Diego, Cal. The last his parents heard of him he was at Russell Islands in the Pacific area. The Raiders are known as the attacking squad in land fighting.

He is a graduate of Morris high school. The family came to Morris when Ray was a baby and father has resided here since. The father was a soldier in the first World War and is a member of the American Legion. Besides his parents he leaves a brother, Thomas, 20, who is also in the service, having enlisted in aviation Dec. 15, 1942. He is a cadet flyer and expects to receive his wings in November, 1943 at Hunchings, Kan., flying field. His sister, who is now Mrs. Betty Morris, is a lieutenant in the WACs and is stationed at a recruiting station in San Francisco. Her husband is a lieutenant on a submarine somewhere in the Pacific area.

The Costellos have another daughter, Delores at home.

Star Player



Naval Aviation Cadet Pershing (Jay) Olson of here was a member of his battalion basketball team at Navy pre-flight school in Athens, Ga., that reached the finals of the regimental championship tournament. He was picked from among 2,500 cadets as a team member. He is remembered here as one of Morris high school's greatest athletes, having played four years of basketball, three years of football and three years of baseball during his career with the Redskins. Among the many honors he won was election to the All-Vermillion league backfield in football for two seasons and he placed as forward on the conference all-star basketball team two seasons. After graduating from University of Illinois in electrical engineering he was employed by Westinghouse Electric company in Pittsburgh until his enlistment in the naval air corps. His address is A/C Pershing J. Olson, Leg. Bks., Room 218, U. of Ga., Pre-Flight, Athens, Ga.

Military Rites Held For Cadet Olson

One of the largest funerals held in Morris in recent years was that of Cadet Pershing Olson yesterday afternoon. While the body was at the home of his parents hundreds of people called and at 3:30 yesterday afternoon not one-third of the people could get into Bethlehem Lutheran church. In Saratoga cemetery many people gathered for the rites which included a military service by Morris post, American Legion.

Post Commander Rome Graham was in charge, assisted by Chaplain Fred Class; bugler, Bob Lundy; color bearers, T/Sgt. John Herubin, Barton Army Air base, Bartons, Fla., T/Sgt. Joseph Bien, Camp Polk, La.; color guards, James L. Wolfe and John Jachimowicz; firing squad, Bert Osness, Robert Lindsay, Jack Thompson, Nick Pawlowski, Harry Leach, Clyde Horrie and Otto Spittler.

Honorary pallbearers were C. E. McKee, Edward Quinn, Walter Penn, Douglas Hynds, W. G. Peacock and Mark Brady; escort, Homer Washburn, Louis Nichlos, Thomas Wood and Merton Freeland.

CARD OF THANKS

To our many friends and neighbors we extend our heartfelt thanks for their kindnesses, donation of cars, flowers and food or for any assistance given in our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Olson and family.

—Adv.

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RAY COCKREAM
Morris, Ill.



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