

Horvath, Joseph I.

Pvt. Joseph I. Horvath
Killed In Action 24 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Horvath Sr., 738 Dewey Avenue, Northampton, who were informed of the death of their son, Private Joseph I. Horvath, through a letter received from a Catholic priest on June 16, received official confirmation of the fatality on Monday in a message from the War Department. The message stated the 23-year-old Marine was killed in action somewhere in the Pacific on May 28.

In a letter dated June 2 a Catholic priest, Lieutenant John C. Larkin, U. S. Navy chaplain of Philadelphia, wrote from a Pacific base, telling the Northampton couple that their son met "death on May 28 in the field of war."

The late Northampton Marine, who enlisted Feb. 19, 1942, celebrated his 23rd birthday anniversary March 19. He received basic training at Parris Island, S. C., and in July, 1942, was sent to Norfolk, Va. He left soon thereafter for service in the South Pacific.

He was never home on furlough. The last letter his parents received from him arrived June 7 and was written May 23. He was graduated from Northampton High School in 1936 and worked at the Bethlehem Steel Company plant at Bethlehem before joining the Marines. He was a member of Our Lady of Hungary Catholic Church, Northampton, and of the Northampton Holy Name Society.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Julius Jr., at home.

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