

## Die On Field of Battle

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Yob, Robert



PFC. WM. R. WERKHEISER



CORP. ROBERT YOB

### Two Hellertown G-I's Reported Dead in Action; Third Missing

Two young soldiers of Hellertown were reported yesterday afternoon as killed in action and a third was reported missing in the European theater.

Those reported killed are Cpl. Robert Yob and Pfc. William R. Werkheiser, both of 194th Infantry Airborne Division, and the missing soldier is Thomas Vasko, an infantryman.

Sgt. Yob was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Yob, 123 Kichline Avenue, and was 21 years of age on February 25, last. He is reported as having been killed in Germany, March 24, and was with the 17th Infantry Airborne Division. Sgt. Yob was a graduate of Hellertown High School in the class of 1943 and was president of his class in all the four years in high school. He was active in all sports and other movements and was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. He was inducted March 25, 1943 and went overseas on August 19, last.

Another brother, Harry R. Yob, serving with the infantry at Fort Meade, Md., is presently at home on sick leave from Valley Forge Hospital.

Pfc. William R. Werkheiser was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Werkheiser, of 34 East Depot Street, and was a member of the 194th Infantry, 17th Division of the Airborne Troops. He was reported as having been killed in action March 24, the same day that Sgt. Yob made the supreme sacrifice. Both young soldiers had been schoolmates in the local high school.

"Bill" Werkheiser was inducted April 6, 1943, and trained at Camp McCall, N. C., and Camp Forrest, Tenn., and was sent overseas last August. About a week ago it was announced that he had been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for superior service. He graduated from Hellertown High School in the class of 1942.

Pvt. Vasko, reported missing, is an infantryman and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vasko, 1400 New Jersey Avenue. He has been missing since March 16. One other son of the family is in the service, John Vasko, now stationed at Camp Livingston, La.

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