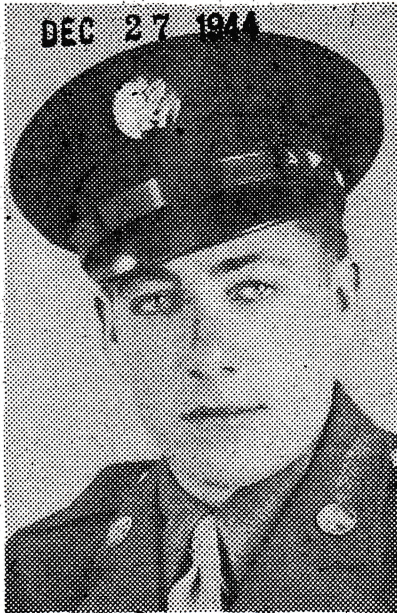


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SGT. MERRITT L. SMITH

Gets Telegram With News Of Son's Death

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Smith, Sr., 1032 Mauch Chunk Road, received a War Department telegram two days before Christmas, informing them that their son, Sgt. Merritt L. Smith, Jr., had been killed in action November 12 on Leyte. The following day Mrs. Smith received her Christmas gift of flowers that had been arranged for months ago by her son.

Sgt. Smith was inducted in April, 1943, and after receiving Air Corps training in Atlantic City, N. J., and Denver, Colo., was sent overseas to the South Pacific.

Surviving are his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Pfc. Llewellyn Cope, somewhere in Germany; Mrs. Harold Sarson, Mrs. Clarence Engle, Mrs. John Engle, Howard Cope, all of Butztown; and Mrs. Adam Chicky and Henry Cope, of Bethlehem.

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