

Bidwell, Paul V.

Overseas Less Than 3 Weeks Local Youth Dies in Action

Overseas less than three weeks, Pvt. Paul V. Bidwell, 18-year-old Liberty High School graduate, has been reported killed in action in Germany. News of his heroic death was contained in a telegram sent to his mother and relayed to his aunt, Mrs. Ruth Bidwell, 1110 Fritz Drive, this city, where he had made his home during his high school days.

Simultaneously with the tragic news of young Bidwell's death, Mrs. Bidwell received word that the lad's cousin, Lieut. Harrison S. Whitman, native of Scranton and well known in this city, had been liberated from a German prison camp in Poland by the Russians. He had been reported missing on Dec. 16.

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Private Bidwell was graduated from Liberty High School with the class of 1944. For a brief time he worked at the Laros textile plant and then got employment at the Bethlehem Steel plant. However, with others of his class he felt the urge to enter the army and he enlisted on Aug. 24. His training was brief in several camps and as far as is known he was sent overseas sometime between Jan. 8 and 15. The telegram from the War Department says he was killed in Germany on Feb. 2.

Bidwell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvoyda Bidwell, of



PVT. PAUL V. BIDWELL
... Army career brief

Blakely, Pa.; three sisters and two brothers.

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