

Zayas, M. J.

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PVT. M. J. ZAYAS

War Injuries Prove Fatal To Pvt. Zayas

Private M. J. Zayas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melquides Zayas, 610 East Third Street, died December 6 of injuries received in action on Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands. According to a War Department telegram, he suffered burns when a Japanese aircraft crashed on the deck of the ship on which he was a passenger.

He enlisted in the Army February 26, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Attached to a medical unit of the Infantry, he left for overseas duty in December, 1943, and served in the Hawaiian Islands and in New Guinea.

Pvt. Zayas is well-known in Bethlehem sport circles, having starred on the undefeated Bethlehem High School soccer team in 1938 and on the Broughal Industrial High School basketball court. He was a member of Holy Infancy Church and of Sacred Heart Society of that church. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

Surviving are his parents, two brothers, Pvt. Marcos Zayas, stationed in Aberdeen, Md., after serving 18 months overseas, and Amando Zayas; a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Garcia, Newark, N. J.

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