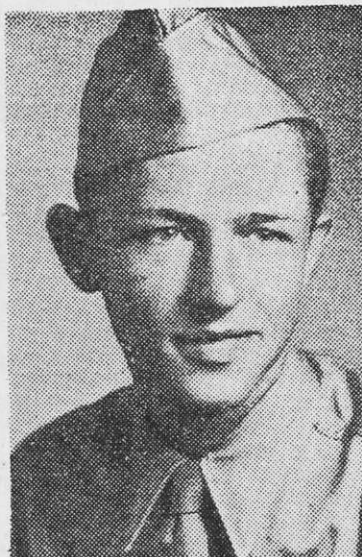


Blank, William Joseph

Local Soldier Dies in France, Parents Told

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Reported missing since Oct. 4, Private William Joseph Blank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Blank, of 734 Broadway, has been officially declared killed in action, "somewhere in France," according to a War Department telegram received by his parents.



WILLIAM JOSEPH BLANK

A member of Holy Ghost parish, he was inducted into the armed forces on Oct. 15, 1943, received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and in July of last year was sent overseas. Following engagements on Italian soil, he was among the many who participated in the invasion of southern France.

He was the husband of June Schiffner, of Allentown, who presently resides with his parents in this city. Before his induction he was an employe of the Roller-Smith Company.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by a sister, Miss Gertrude Blank, a member of the personnel of Local Draft Board No. 1, and a brother, Private Christian Blank, who participated in the D-Day invasion.

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