

*Gangwer, Roland D.*

## Two Area Men Listed Killed, Third Missing May Be Aboard Exchange Ship 'Gripsholm'

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Hopes of three families—two in Bethlehem and one in Roseto—were raised yesterday through indirect word that servicemen who had been reported killed or prisoner were enroute home on the exchange ship "Gripsholm", due to reach this country February 20.

The three reported enroute home are Sgt. Roland D. Gangwer, who was reported missing in action last October and later a prisoner of the German government, son of R. M. Gangwer, 51 East Union Street; Sgt. Albert P. Trigiani, Roseto, reported killed in action December 11, and 2nd Lieut. Albert S. Spear, reported killed last July 28, a son of Mrs. Rebecca Spear, 1017 Monocacy Street.

Today it was learned through the Associated Press that a check with the State Department and War Department lists of those aboard the Gripsholm indicates Sgt. Gangwer is the only one of the trio enroute home.

The State Department civilian lists and the War Department military personnel lists of those aboard the Gripsholm reportedly do not contain the names of Sgt. Trigiani or Lieut. Spear.

Lieut. Spear's mother yesterday contacted Washington authorities and learned, too, that the lists do not contain the name of her son, but that a further re-check is being made.

Lieut. Spear entered the service four years ago and was with the U. S. Army Air Force. He was reported missing July 28 and was announced as killed in action four months later by the War Department. A communication at that time stated his plane collided with another over the North Sea and he was killed in the crash.

Sgt. Trigiani is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Trigiani, Roseto, and had entered the service in 1942 through the National Guard. He was reported killed in Germany December 11 while serving with the First Army.

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