

Freeh, Charles
John
Edward
Joseph

Local G-I Killed In French Town As Jeep Runs Over Embankment

"On his way to division headquarters with some important papers," Sgt. Charles Freeh was instantly killed when the jeep in which he was riding ran down an embankment, hit a tree and overturned in Joigny, France, where he was stationed at the Message Center of Regiment Headquarters, 506 Parachute Infantry.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeh, of Pleasant Valley, were informed of the death of their son in a letter from his commanding officer received Friday and which was followed by the official notification from the War Department Monday.

The letter from Sgt. Freeh's commanding officer describing the unfortunate accident stated, "He was on his way to division headquarters to take important papers when the jeep in which he was riding apparently swerved to the left to avoid hitting someone or something. The vehicle ran down an embankment, hit a tree and overturned. There were no eye witnesses to the accident. When the General driver arrived, Charles had died from a fractured skull and the driver of the jeep lived only a few hours."

The letter continued, "Whenever he had a job to do, he did it efficiently and quickly. Not only have we come to depend on him for a job well done, but also have we admitted his high spirits and cheerful attitude."

Sgt. Charles Freeh attended St. John's Parochial School in Haycock, Pa., and Springfield Township Schools, and was a graduate of Springfield High School, class of 1940. Before entering the service December 28, 1943, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. Freeh completed his basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and later transferred to the Paratroopers, completing his training at Fort Benning, Ga. After



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successfully making his "jumps", he was chosen to take a 10-week course in Specialized Training in Communications. Completing the assigned course, he was sent overseas with the 101st Airborne Division and was last a member of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Surviving are his parents, three brothers also in the service, John RT 2/c, Shanghai; Edward, ART 2/c in New London, Conn., and Pfc. Joseph, California; William Vincent, Herman, all at home; four sisters, Anne, Margaret, Regina and Elizabeth, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown.

A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated in his memory December 15, at 10 a. m. in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Haycock, Pa.

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