

Rickert, Joseph

## QUAKERTOWN MARINE

Oct. 13'  
42 KILLED IN ACTION

### Sergeant Joseph Rickert, Navy Advises Parents, Died in Per- formance of Duties.

A brief telegram from U. S. military authorities to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rickert, of 136 Park Avenue, Quakertown, yesterday afternoon conveyed the message that their son, Platoon Sergeant Joseph Rickert, of the U. S. Marines, was "killed in action in the performance of his duties" somewhere in the Pacific islands, presumably in the Solomons.

Sgt. Rickert is the first World War II casualty from Quakertown itself, two others from the Quakertown vicinity, however, having been killed earlier. They were William Mengelson, 55, and Pvt. John Rivers, 23, also of the Marines, both of Applebachsville. Announcement of Rivers' demise was disclosed less than three weeks ago. Mengelson met his death in March when the tanker on which he was chief mate was torpedoed by a German sub.

One of the first Quakertonians in the service during this present world struggle, Rickert entered the Marines on September 1, 1938. He had been at Parris Island and various Marine bases in the United States, had been in Puerto Rico and Cuba before embarking from California the latter part of May.

He was a machine gun instructor while at Parris Island, and Pvt. Joseph Gorchinsky, also of Quakertown, was a member of his platoon.

Only last Friday did Sgt. Rickert's parents receive a letter from their son, dated September 7.

Sgt. Rickert attended Quakertown High School, and was employed in a local factory prior to his enlistment. He would have been 23 years of age on October 21.

According to a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Horne, of Ap-

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