

## Local Sergeant Dead; Missing Since Last Year

An official telegram was received Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kercsmar, 639 William Street, informing them that their son, S/Sgt. William Kercsmar, was killed in action December 11, 1944.

S/Sgt. Kercsmar was inducted into the service September 13, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. Six months later, he was sent abroad and was stationed in England until D-Day when he participated in actual combat.



**S/SGT. WILLIAM KERCSMAR**

Kercsmar was wounded in the early days of the invasion and recuperated in a British Hospital, where he celebrated his 19th birthday anniversary. On July 26, 1944, he resumed active duty and was then promoted from the rank of sergeant to staff sergeant.

The parents received a War Department telegram December 29, notifying them that their son was missing in action. In the telegram received Thursday, the War Department advised them that the great lapse of time between the two telegrams was due to certain unavoidable circumstances. Memorial services in tribute to S/Sgt. Kercsmar will be announced later.