

Schaffer, Donald

BETHLEHEMITE DIES IN ACTION

Pfc. Donald Schaffer, 22, "Killed in Western Europe November 10."

DEC 8 1942

A star of blue will be changed to gold and the legend, "A member of this household is in the service of his country," will be edited accordingly on the flag in the window of the home of Robert N. Schaffer, 414 West Broad Street.

For today a telegram was received from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson addressed to Mr. Schaffer, saying that "your son, Private First Class Donald Schaffer, was killed in action in Western Europe November 10."

The telegram dated December 7, stated that a letter will follow. Yesterday Mr. Schaffer received from General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, a letter expressing his regret at the news of the death of Private Schaffer, who he described as "a gallant soldier of the United States Army who served with honor in defense of his country."

With her eyes occasionally tear-

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filled, Donald's sister, Mrs. Joseph Pfeiffer, 414 West Broad Street, related today that her brother was last home in August from Indiantown Gap, where he was stationed after training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla. He was inducted into the U. S. Army last February 2 through Local



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Board No. 3. From Indiantown he was transferred to the British Isles.

The last letter received from Donald was written from Scotland, September 28, in which he said he had been to visit Edinburgh and Glasgow and he praised the Red Cross for the accommodations it provided service men in the two cities.

A few weeks ago the family saw a newspaper photo of American soldiers boarding a train, somewhere in the British Isles for North Africa, one of whom they thought resembled Donald. A few days ago the family of John Rosner, Allentown, received notice that he had been seriously wounded in North Africa, Rosner having been a buddy of Donald and having come home with him from Indiantown Gap while the two were stationed there.

Donald, 22, was the son of Robert N. Schaffer and the late Anna Saunders Schaffer, who died six years ago. He had three sisters, Betty Irene, at home, and Mrs. Pfeiffer, also of 414 West Broad Street, and Mrs. Harley Moore, Granville, N. Y.; one brother, Amandus Schaffer, Hanover Avenue, Allentown. He was very fond of a nephew, Barry Moore, and a niece, Betty Jane Schaffer, each four years old. He was graduated from Liberty High School in 1940 and was employed by the Everson Electric Company, Allentown, and Austin Brothers, Broadway, this city. He attended Rosemont Lutheran Church.

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