

Trotter, Christopher W.

Local Marine Dies In South Pacific

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Pfc. Christopher W. Trotter Killed In Action; Telegram Announces To Family

News of the death in action "somewhere in the South Pacific" theatre of war of Pfc. Christopher Wray Trotter, 30, U. S. Marine Corps, was received yesterday by his wife, Catherine M., in a telegram signed by Maj. Gen. Thomas B. Holcomb, Marines commandant. No details were given, the message merely announcing the death and stating that a letter will follow.

Pfc. Trotter is the son of Mrs. Florence Ruyak and Jack Trotter. His wife is the former Catherine Morgan of Bethlehem, to whom he has been married eight years and by whom he is the father of two daughters, Barbara Jean, two years old yesterday, and Patricia Ann, seven. Mrs. Trotter is living at 21 West Walnut Street.

The Marine enlisted in the Corps December 13, 1942 and received his "boot training" at Parris Island, S. C. He left for duty in the South Pacific in February of this year. His wife said she received her last letter from him November 10. He never mentioned any place where he might be by name, she said, merely saying he was "somewhere".

Pfc. Trotter attended Bethlehem High School and was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company in the Lehigh Mills before enlisting. He was a member of Nativity Episcopal Church.

Besides those already mentioned, Pfc. Trotter is survived by two



PFC. C. W. TROTTER, U.S.M.C.

brothers, Douglas, Allentown, and Jack Trotter, Jr., Second Avenue, Bethlehem.

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