

War Claims Two More Area Youths; Third Reported "Missing In Action"

Goldberg, Roy
Hellertown

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JAN 16 1944

Missing



ROY GOLDBERG



ST. SGT. ALBERT L. MALOK



LT. M. S. FRIEDMAN

Man Killed; Another Dies

Bethlehem Flyer "Missing" in European Theater

That the war is exacting a terrific toll was brought clearly home today with the arrival of separate telegrams from the War and Navy Departments announcing the deaths of two servicemen and another "missing in action".

The dead:

Roy Goldberg, 18, of the U. S. Navy Seabees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldberg of 112 Fron Street, Hellertown, killed in action in the South Pacific area, according to a telegram received from the Navy Department yesterday.

Staff Sergeant Albert Malok, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Malok of 162 Riegel Street, Hellertown, died in Japanese prison camp in Burma November 29, 1943, according to War Department message received yesterday by Mrs. Malok.

Missing in action:

Lieutenant M. S. Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Friedman, 438 Webster Street, and husband Mrs. Alice Stubbs Friedman, reported missing in action since January 7 in the European theater of war.

Goldberg, Roy

ACTION EXPLAINED

According to the communication sent Mrs. Malok, the assigned mission of the officers and men in a B-17 was to bomb shipping and docks in the Rangoon area over Lower Burma. Adverse weather conditions necessitated very low flying and the blasting was carried out in spite of heavy attack from enemy fighters and severe anti-aircraft fire. In returning they encountered enemy fighter resistance of over twenty aircraft and destroyed at least four enemy planes before their right rudder control, two engines, tail and guns were put out of action.

One man in the crew of nine was killed, two made their way back to Calcutta, India and the others were either lost in the jungle or were taken prisoner by the enemy. At that time Sgt. Malok was reported missing in action, and in the interval Mrs. Malok had received Red Cross home visitors and various communications from the War Department, but no direct word from her boy.

This last report received by the Malok family from the War Department, through the International Red Cross, put the date of his death as Nov. 29, 1943, and stated he was a prisoner of war for "an undetermined period prior to his death."

BOMBARDIER MISSING

Mrs. M. S. Friedman, 1823 Maple Street, received a telegram from the War Department last evening stating her husband, Lieutenant Friedman, was missing in action in the European Theater of War since Jan. 7, 1944.

He was a bombardier in the U. S. Eighth Air Force and had received his wings June 3, 1943, and early in December, 1943, went overseas.

Mrs. Friedman is the former Alice Stubbs. Lieut. and Mrs. Friedman became the parents of a son, David Allen, Dec. 21, 1943.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Friedman, 438 Webster Street.

SEABEE LOSSES LIFE

Roy Goldberg, Seaman Second Class, enlisted February 1943. He was stationed at Camp Peary, Va., later being transferred to Camp Endicott, R. I. Last May he spent a furlough at home before leaving for overseas duty in August. At the time of his death he was working with a construction battalion in the South Pacific area.

Last letter received from him dated Jan. 7, arrived Monday. Christmas packages were acknowledged and he wrote that he was "feeling fine—will probably have a new job in a few days—had about six different jobs so far." He was thinking of home as he wrote "Are they doing any ice skating at Keck's yet? I wish I could be home and doing a bit of skating myself."

A brother, Ernest, 23, is serving with a U. S. tank battalion stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. Another brother, Earl, 26, of Durham Street, Hellertown, expects to report for duty in February. He is the father of a week-old son.

FLIER DIES IN CAMP

The second Hellertown man to lose his life, Staff Sergeant Albert Malok, had been in the Army six years. He enlisted Jan. 16, 1938, while employed at the Interstate Cleaners, Bethlehem. Trained as an aerial engineer and gunner at Langley Field, Va., and at Rednor Field, he saw action in Hawaii before being sent to the eastern theater of war. He died in a Japanese prison camp.

A letter and citation was received by Mrs. Malok in July, 1942, from headquarters of the U. S. Air Forces at New Delhi, India, awarding the Silver Star to Sgt. Malok for "exceptional gallantry in the face of enemy aerial activity."