

Transue, Richard A.

## Iwo Jima Victim

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PFC. RICHARD A. TRANSUE

## Butztown Marine Dies On Iwo Jima

Pfc. Richard A. Transue, USMC, of Butztown, who quit school in his sophomore year at Wilson Borough High School to enlist, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, his parents were informed last night by telegram from Lieut. Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, commandant of the Marine Corps.

Private Transue, who would have been 20 years old on May 29, entered service Aug. 17, 1942, at the age of 17. He went through four major engagements, the invasion of the Marshalls, the battle of Saipan in which he helped raise the American flag, the battle of Tinian Island and the battle of Iwo Jima.

He first went overseas in the fall of 1943.

He attended the public schools at Butztown and the high school at Wilson Borough.

He is survived by his father, Harry L. Transue, 51 West Fairview Street, Bethlehem; his mother, Mrs. Flora Transue, Butztown; two sisters, Leonne and Doris, Butztown; his grandparents, on the maternal side, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Searfoss, Butztown, and his grandmother on the paternal side, Mrs. Rose Transue, Bethlehem.

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