

*McCleery, Paul B.
Robert
John*

Local Marine Dies In Action On Okinawa

JUN 15 1945

Another young Bethlehem Marine has given his life in the service of his country.

Pvt. Paul B. McCleery, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCleery of 525 Tenth Avenue, was killed in action June 9 at Okinawa, according to a War Department telegram received today by his parents.

A 1940 graduate of Liberty High School, Pvt. McCleery had just



PVT. PAUL B. McCLEERY

completed a three-year accelerated course at the Bethlehem Steel Company as a machinist apprentice when he was inducted May 20, 1944. At the completion of training in Parris Island, Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, he was sent overseas last November as a member of the 6th Marine Division. Since that time he has been in the South Pacific theater, having participated in the invasion of Okinawa, April first.

Marine McCleery was a member of Wesley Methodist Church, was active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Assistant Scoutmaster of the Boy Scout troop of the church and was prominent in the Wilbur chapter of De Molay.

In addition to his parents, the young man is survived by two brothers, Pfc. Robert McCleery of the U. S. Army, Signal Corps, at present stationed in New Guinea; John G. of Birmingham, Ala.; and two sisters, Janice and Ruth, at home. Janice is a teacher at Jefferson School. Mr. McCleery and Ruth are employes of Roller-Smith Company.

June 15, 1945