

Bender, Wesley E.

Two Reported Missing Now Declared Dead

Previously reported missing in action, two young servicemen of Easton are now officially listed as dead, according to information received by parents from the War Department.

One of the young men, Technical Sergeant Wesley E. Bender, being a musician, was assigned to the musical contingent, but later at his own request was transferred to the combat unit in which he was fighting when he was killed.

Tech. Sgt. Bender, inducted at East Orange in April, 1942, aged 33, a son of Mrs. Emily and the late Clemens J. Bender of 826 McCartney Street, was reported missing in action in Italy last March 12. His eldest brother, William C. Bender, met death during World War I in the Battle of the Argonne.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Ann Swartz Bender, daughter of Mrs. Mark T. Swartz, Sgt. Bender is survived by a mother and the following four brothers, all of Easton: Carl S. Bender, John D. Bender, Richard K. Bender and Clifford Bender; and a sister, Mrs. Albert Manners of Phillipsburg.

The other young man, Pfc. Anthony Embardino, son of Raymond Embardino, 228 Stewart Street, is reported to have been killed in combat in Italy, May 12. A 1935 graduate of Easton High School, Pfc. Embardino was employed by the Treadwell Engineering Company until he entered the Army service in December, 1942. At the completion of training at Camp Van Dorn, he shipped overseas last December.

Pfc. Embardino is survived by his father, two brothers in service and four sisters: Sergeant Christopher Embardino and Pvt. George E. Embardino are in the U. S. Army; four sisters, Mary, Katherine, Gilda and Josephine, are at home.

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