

## FORMER LOCAL YOUTH MISSING IN AFRICA

~~WAR 1942~~  
**Pvt. Bertram Bealer Inducted  
Last June—Engagement An-  
nounced Before Departure.**

Pvt. Bertram Bealer, 21, son of Mrs. W. H. Schleicher, of Fullerton, is reported missing in action in North Africa as of February 17 in a telegram from the War Department received this week by his mother.

Inducted June 12, 1942, at Wilkes-Barre, the young soldier had been employed before induction as a crane operator in No. 1 Open Hearth department of the Bethlehem Steel Company plant, of which his stepfather, Mr. Schleicher, is a foreman. A brother, Warren, 18, has passed his first examination and expects to be called for duty soon.



**PVT. BERTRAM BEALER**

Just before he left for service his engagement to Miss Marion Longenour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longenour, 308 Arch Street, this city, was revealed but the wedding was postponed until after the war. Both his mother and his fiance today expressed their confidence that he will return safely and believe that he may be held as a prisoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Schleicher and their family have been residents of Fullerton for only two years. Before that they resided on Glendale Avenue, this city for many years, "Practically all of Bertram's friends live in Bethlehem," said Mrs. Schleicher.

Private Bealer was received into the Army at New Cumberland and received his training at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He embarked for overseas last Fall. He served for a time in England and was then transferred to Algiers.

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