

Fluck, Alan

Quakertown Parents Hear Of Son's Death

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Following is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Ralston Fluck, 1408 West Broad Street, Quakertown, parents of Pfc. Alan Fluck, who was killed in action on Saipan, from Battery Commander, First Lieutenant George E. Madden, commanding "K" Battery, U. S. Marine Corps:

"As battery commander of the unit in which your son was serving when he was killed, I wish to express my deepest sympathy for the loss you have suffered. I feel certain that you would appreciate knowing some of the circumstances concerning the tragedy. On the afternoon of June 16, 1944, we landed on the island of Saipan in the face of heavy and accurate enemy artillery and mortar fire. It was during this severe shelling that your son, Private First Class Alan Fluck, lost his life, while in the act of performing his duties well and faithfully under fire.

"From the day of his entrance into "K" Battery, Private Fluck exhibited an excellent spirit and a sincere desire to cooperate to the fullest in whatever task was assigned to him. On the day of his death, he stood by his post even though the enemy were a few yards distant, and the shelling was causing numerous casualties.

"The end was swift and painless, and from this small fact you may draw some measure of peace and consolation.

"His remains are interred at the Second Division Cemetery on Saipan, and the grave is marked with a white cross upon which is printed his name and rank. Again my deepest sympathy. May God have mercy on his soul."

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