

VASILIADAS, MICHAEL

Local Soldier Missing On Sicily Front

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Word has been received by Mrs. Michael C. Vasiliadas, 1533 East Third Street, that her husband is reported "missing in action" in the Sicilian campaign.

Pfc. Vasiliadas was a member of one of the first United States Army



PVT. MICHAEL VASILIADAS

companies to land on the Italian island shores. The family received two letters from Sicily and then all communications ceased.

The communication received from the adjutant general's office is as follows: "Regret to inform you that the commanding general, North African area, reports Pfc. Michael C. Vasiliadis missing in action since August 8th. If further details or other information of his status are received you will be promptly notified."

Vasiliadas, who came to this country from Chios, Greece, in 1926, was associated in the tobacco and wholesale confectionery business with a brother, Evangelos K. Vasiliadas.

A few weeks previous to his induction, Vasiliadas married Barbara Bournis, of Ohio. He received basic training at Camp Willard, Georgia, and then was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga. Previous to embarkation he was stationed at Camp Killmer, New Jersey.

The missing soldier is a graduate of a business college in Chios, capital city of Chios Island. His parents, Gust and Vasilis Vasiliadas, are residents of that island. A brother Nicolas served in the Greek army and participated in the Albania campaign against the Italians.

Two sisters, besides the brother, are residents of Bethlehem. They are Mrs. Kista Capsalis and Mrs. Evangelia Pappas. Another sister, Mrs. Antoni Vitis, resided in Philadelphia.

The family holds out hopes that Pfc. Vasiliadas is now fighting with the armed forces on the Italian mainland and will return home with a victorious United States Army.

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