

Cogorno, Walter J.

Local Bomber Now Officially Reported Dead

Staff Sergeant Alvin T. Schippang, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis I. Cogorno, 326 Water Street, has been reported officially dead by the United States War Department.

According to the letter, received by his mother he was last heard of on board a plane which failed to report after a bombing mission over Bremen, Germany, April 17, 1943.

The plane was believed to have landed on a beach just north of



ALVIN T. SCHIPPANG

Norden, Germany, the letter said. Two of the crew members were reported prisoners of war but no information was obtained about the rest of the crew.

In accordance with Army rules, the sergeant, therefore, has been reported dead.

Schippang who would have been 25 years old, entered the Army January 15, 1942, enlisting in the Air Corps. He went overseas July 7 of that year.

Before entering service he had been an employe of Bethlehem Steel Company.

His mother has in her keeping his two decorations for gallantry in action, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

A brother, Walter Louis Cogorno is now in the armed forces in North Africa.

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