

Zimmer, Harry!

Lieut. Col. Harry J. Zimmer, M. C., Sarco Official, Dies in Battle; First to Fly U. S. Flag in Marshalls

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Lieut. Col. Harry J. Zimmer, aged 35, first man to raise the American flag over the Marshalls when the United States Marines invaded those islands, has been killed in action. He was an official of the Sarco Manufacturing Company of this city and a graduate of Lehigh University.

Lieut. Col. Zimmer, a veteran of Guadalcanal, was killed during the fighting on the Mariannas on July 25, according to the Navy Department, in a telegram to his wife, a resident of Philadelphia.

Word of his death reached Bethlehem, through his family, this morning. He had been a member of the U. S. Marine Reserve Corps eight years and entered active service with the Marines four years ago with the rank of lieutenant.

During his active service since the attack on Pearl Harbor he was promoted successively to the rank of captain, major and lieutenant colonel, having been attached to an artillery unit during a part of his service.

LEHIGH GRADUATE

Lieut. Col. Zimmer was a native of Philadelphia, a graduate of Central High School that city. He graduated from Lehigh University with honors in 1930, with the degree of mechanical engineer. He got his master degree at Penn. While here he lived at the University Club, East Market Street.

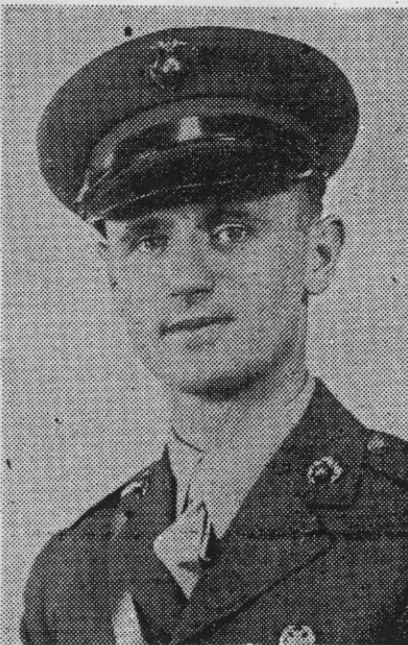
Lieut. Col. Zimmer's first full time job was with the American Telegraph and Telephone Company at Philadelphia, where he worked as a technician on equipment and maintenance in the long distance department.

Next he was employed by Philco Radio Corp., as a final tester and then as utilities officer at a CCC camp. He also taught at Wyomissing Polytechnic Institute, after which he was summoned to a post as mechanical engineer at the U. S. Naval powder factory.

SARCO OFFICIAL

Lieut. Col. Zimmer started with the Sarco Company in 1936 and became assistant general manager before he enlisted for active service with the Marine Corps. In

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1938 he was responsible for organizing a branch factory for Sarco at Cheltenham, England.

He was well known in Bethlehem, especially to employes at Sarco, who today were saddened by the announcement of his death. During part of the time he served as assistant general manager, he commuted between Philadelphia and Bethlehem daily.

Lieut. Col. Zimmer is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Zimmer, both residing in Philadelphia, as well as a brother, William.

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