

Knecht, Harvey

Pen Argyl Soldier Wounded In Action Parents Are Told

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Pvt. Harvey Knecht, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knecht of 103 Pen Argyl Street, Pen Argyl, was wounded in action in France, according to information received from the War Department by his parents.

The official telegram of the U. S. War Department, signed by Adjutant General Ulio, dated July 23 read "Regret to inform you your son Pvt. Harvey F. Knecht, was seriously wounded in action 17th of June in France."

Prior to the receipt of the telegram, the Knecht family had known that he had been injured and had been returned to England, where he wrote a letter under the date of June 26, in which he stated that he was recuperating in an Army hospital, after having been flown from France to England. Since the receipt of the initial letter informing his parents that he had been injured, he has further stated, in later letters, that he is improving nicely.

He was awarded the Purple Heart in the Army hospital on July 4th, according to word received by his parents.

In one of the letters to his par-

ents, he informed them that he had seen plenty of action on D-Day, until he was injured in action on the 17th of June.

He was inducted into the U. S. Army in August, 1943, and left for training on Sept. 11, last year. In April of this year he went overseas and moved into France in the D-Day invasion.

He attended the Pen Argyl High School, where he was a varsity back on the football team, seeing plenty of action in his two years. Prior to entering the U. S. Army he was employed by the Blue Ridge Textile Company, Bangor.

He is one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Knecht to be called to the U. S. Armed Forces, all of whom entered the U. S. Army, he being the fourth of the sons to leave for service. He has a brother Elwood who has over three years of service, who is in the United States; a brother George Peter, who has been honorably discharged and his youngest brother Raymond, is believed to be enroute to a destination in the Pacific. A fourth brother Robert, is believed to be enroute overseas at the present time, if he has not already landed.

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