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# The War Department Regrets To Inform You - -

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Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1941, slumbering America was aroused from its day dreaming to a shocked alertness that war was unavoidable. In spite of all the idle hopes of the preceding few weeks and the smiling face of the Japanese ambassador giving the assurance from the front page of every newspaper in the country, the nation had been thrust into a war which was not of its making.

Since that Sunday thousands of homes throughout the country have been further shocked and grieved by telegrams sent by our War Department telling of death, wounds and imprisonment to America's loved ones. Though attesting to the courage and gallantry of the men, they, nevertheless, caused heart-break in American homes.

Bethlehem alone has received several hundred of these telegrams. Approximately 90 of this number read: "It is with regret that . . . has died in action."

The part of the war which started on that black Sunday is still in progress but that other war which came into being on the Thursday following, with the terse announcement that Germany and Italy had declared war on the United States, is finished and for that America bows its humble heart in thanks.

The records, of course, are not complete. They cannot be for weeks to come for pitiable as it seems in this day of gladness, the names of those who lost their lives in those seemingly futile last days of the European war are still to come as will those who will lose their lives in the Pacific.

Lying beneath neat wooden crosses in the countries where they have fallen for our sakes are America's dead. So far just one Bethlehem boy who died of wounds received on foreign shores has found burial in the family plot of a Bethlehem cemetery. Others no doubt will be brought back as time goes on.

Peter A. Fodor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fodor, of 1533 Seventh Street, who died on August 16 on board a troopship as the result of wounds received in France July 8 was buried in the Holy Saviour Cemetery preceded by a high requiem mass at St. John's Capistrano Church.

Other memorial services have been held in Bethlehem churches for boys who have fallen in battle.

Many of the earlier casualties of the war occurred in this country through accidents sustained in training or in some other way in line of duty.

The number which occurred through bus accidents and other forms of transportation, futile as they seemed, were all a part of the sum total of our losses.

As the months passed and American Forces began a more active

828 Hillside Avenue; John Vanic, 647 Atlantic Street; Peter J. Jablonski, 631 Ridge Street; Lt. Frazier Curtis, whose mother, Mrs. John Gross, resides in Bethlehem; Gordon Brandt, Nazareth Pike, killed in this country; John Homblis, 2 East Fourth Street; Edward Vincent Putar, 1145 Mechanic Street; Joseph Pristas, 1542 Kenton Street; Capt. J. D. Houck, son-in-law of Dr. Santee, Bella Vista Farms; Harry Harpell, 1510 Chelsea Avenue; Lt. M. S. Friedman, 438 Webster Street; Niles Long, killed in this country, 737 High Street; Sgt. Sergei Sokoloff, 1537 Sixth Street; John Forstoffer, 421 Third Avenue; Ira Chester Snyder, 69 West Union Street.

Bernard Koch, 623 Diehl Avenue; Christopher Trotter, 21 West Walnut Street, Fountain Hill; William Jones, 1421 Chelsea Avenue; John Dougherty, 328 East Fourth Street; Austin Simons, 526 Carlton Avenue; Sgt. Nathan Sonnenfeld, 3 West Church Street; Stephen Silvoy, 806 Hayes Street; Bernard Russell Miller, 222 Seventh Avenue; Frank Duh, 1529 East Fourth Street; Sgt. Phillip Keneb, 1670 Railroad Street; Sgt. John Charles Simons, 1041 Mechanic Street; Lt. William Shimer Thompson, 1116 Main Street; Sgt. Walter Geldon, 705 Ridge Street; Eugene Suto, 1206 East Third Street; S-Sgt. Stanley Wisneskie, 909 Main Street; Pfc. Elmer Dorn, 410 Third Street; Pvt. John Snell, 1132 Arcadia Street; William C. Henry Ochs, 427 South New Street; Pvt. John Svetecz, 322 Fillmore Street; Sgt. Richard McCarty, 419 Montclair Avenue; Pfc. William Richards, 1222 Center Street; Alvin T. Schippang, 326 Water Street; Sgt. Harold Bussard, 610 Leibert Street; Pfc. George Bradford, 2011 Henderson Street; Pvt. Joseph Molnar, 1177 Mechanic Street; Corp. E. J. Kreska, 708 Broadway; Pfc. Anthony Embaradino, 228 Stewart Street; Pvt. William Kercsmar, 639 Williams Street.

Lt. Robert White, whose wife presently resides at 315 East Garrison Street; Lt. Edward Thoma, 801 Evans Street; S-Sgt. William Becker, 623 High Street; Pfc. Leonard Groeger, Hess Street; Sgt. Kenneth Pardee, 15 West Laurel Street; Andrew Edward Billets, 538 Atlantic Street; James Heil, 208 Crest Avenue; Llewellyn Cope, 729 Eleventh Street; Pvt. Paul Snyder, 1667 East Twelfth Street; Pfc. Charles M. Snyder, 645 East North Street; Frederick Szoke, 226 Columbia Street; John R. Snell, 1132 Arcadia Street; Lieut. Norman C. Watkins, 1020 Highland Avenue; Pfc. Bernard Szuter, 301 East Fifth Street; Lieut. Clarence A. Stearns, 1028 North New Street; Lieut. Frank Poole, 502 Pawnee Street; Sgt. Wesley Bender, 826 McCartney Street; Harvey Williamson, 124 North 14th Street; John Joseph Szy, Bethlehem Route 4; 2nd Lieut. Andrew J. Za-

nue; Lieut. Robley W. Ehret, Lenox Avenue.

Pvt. M. J. Zayas, 610 East Third Street; John J. Nemeth, 1215 Mechanic Street; Joseph F. Lucas, 216 East Fifth Street; Pfc. Joseph J. Bremmer, 614 South Bergen Street; Pfc. James M. Carothers, 428 High Street; Lieut. David P. Scobey, 1038 Delaware Ave.; Pvt. N. C. Benner, 1243 Russell Ave.; Capt. R. D. Klotz, 32 East Union Boulevard; Pvt. Belford Miller, 1713 East Fourth Street; Pfc. William Ward, 1046 Seneca Street; Pvt. Arthur A. Amey, whose wife resides at 910 New Street.

John G. Dwyer who before his marriage resided with his grandmother at 701 West Broad Street; Cpl. Edward Ackerman, 603 Lechaweki Avenue; Pfc. Robert A. Ricci, 844 East Fourth Street; Pvt. Paul Bidwell, 1110 Fritz Drive; Pvt. Joseph Csardos, 424 Lehigh Avenue; William Joseph Blank, 734 Broadway; Pfc. Jacob A. Saemmer, 730 Ontario Street; Pvt. Nicholas Mosko, 1509 East Third Street; Lieut. Gilbert H. Kauffman, 315 West Fourth Street.

Pfc. Elmer J. Ackerman, 1122 Fritz Drive; Pfc. Arthur Buchman, former Globe-Times employe; Pfc. Robert P. Jones, 141 Chelsea Avenue; Pfc. John J. Oravec, 823 Hess Street; Pvt. James Mihalko, 1617 Columbia Street; Pvt. Nevin C. Benner, 1243 Russell Avenue; Lieut. Domenic Braucci, 727 East Fifth Street; Lieut. Stanley E. Osborne, 1129 West Market Street; Mathew A. Capuano, 1108 East Third Street; Anthony DeAngelis, 608 South Bergen Street.

Pfc. Richard R. Mowrey, Bethlehem, R. D. 4; Ensign John Stewart Smiley (killed in plane crash in Florida) 310 Eighth Avenue; Caesar D. Cimino, S1/c, 213 Diamond Street; Pfc. W. F. Ritter, 51 East Elizabeth Avenue (died in German prison camp); Pfc. Ralph Stephen Snyder, 1544 Oakland Street; Lieut. Domenic Braucci, 727 East Fifth Street.

Pfc. Warren W. Wright, 1431 Center Street, Bethlehem; Pvt. Rudolph Kerchmar, 631 Conestoga Street, John A. Doria, S.F. 2/c, 240 Seventh Avenue; Sgt. Stephen J. Sever, 517 East Morton Street; Pfc. E. E. Korn, 222 Crest Avenue; Lieut. James L. Patton, 640 Hamilton Avenue; Pvt. Frank Wentzel, Bethlehem R. D. 4; Sgt. Harry Booth, Bethlehem; Sgt. John L. Henn, 648 Buchanan Street, Bethlehem.

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