

## Killed in Action



LT. WILLARD BERNHARDT

## Lt. Bernhardt Loses Life In France

Second Lieutenant Willard C. Bernhardt, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton W. Bernhardt, 1230 Lenox Avenue, was killed in action in France on Sept. 10, according to word received by his parents last night from the War Department.

Lieut. Bernhardt entered the service on June 25, 1942, as a private and received his commission at Fort Benning, Georgia, Feb. 2, 1943. He was attached to an infantry division commanded by Lieut. General George S. Patton, Jr.

A graduate of Moravian Preparatory School and Moravian College, class of 1939, Lieut. Bernhardt was associated with his father in charge of plant production at the Bethlehem Contracting Company plant. His father is vice-president and secretary of the company.

Lieut. Bernhardt, a grandson of former Police Chief William Halteman, was born in this city. While in attendance at Moravian College he participated in football and basketball. He was also a member of the college band. He coached basketball three years at Moravian Prep.

Lieut. Bernhardt was the first of the servicemen affiliated with Central Moravian Church to be killed in action. He left the United States in May, 1944, and was stationed in England and Ireland before being sent to France following the invasion.

He was a member of Minsi Lodge, F. & A. M. He observed his 27th birthday anniversary Aug. 16.

The engagement of Lieut. Bernhardt and Miss Helen Roderick, of Hazleton, Pa., a graduate of Moravian College for Women and an employe of the Duplan Corporation, was announced Dec. 6, 1941, one day before the attack at Pearl Harbor.

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