

Pfc. Erwin L. Weinbauer Dies in Action



ERWIN L. WEINBAUER

Pfc. Erwin L. Weinbauer, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Weinbauer, 1141 Oak street, was killed in action on Saipan island in the Marianas group in the central Pacific on July 11, according to a telegram received from the secretary of war by the parents Tuesday. The message stated that a letter would follow with more details. His parents had last heard from him three weeks ago.

Born in Wisconsin Rapids

Private First Class Weinbauer was born on June 26, 1921 in Wisconsin Rapids and lived here until enlisting in the armed forces on November 10, 1942. After spending three days at Fort Sheridan, Ill., he was transferred to the west coast and landed at Pearl Harbor on December 8, 1942. He remained in the Hawaiian islands until June, 1944 and then was sent into action against the Japanese in the invasion of Saipan. He was a member of the infantry.

The Wisconsin Rapids soldier was graduated from Lincoln high school in 1940, where he starred in both basketball and track. Performing in the broad jump, dashes and high jump, he held the school record in the latter event for a number of years. He was on the track squad two years, the basketball team three years and was one of the cage squads best scorers in 1940.

Worked at Consolidated

Before entering the armed services, he was employed at the Consolidated Water Power and Paper company here.

In addition to his parents, Private First Class Weinbauer is survived by two brothers, Donald, who lives at Beloit, and Robert, who resides at 1151 Oak street, and is also employed by the Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

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