

# V.F. Baldwin Is Killed in Pacific Area



VICTOR F. BALDWIN

Seaman Second Class Victor F. Baldwin, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Baldwin, 131 Sixteenth avenue south, was killed in action while in the service of his country in the Pacific theater of operations, according to a telegram received by the parents from the navy department Saturday night.

On convoy duty in the Pacific, the Wisconsin Rapids seaman met his death aboard a U.S. destroyer. His parents last heard from him three weeks ago, in a letter which he had datelined October 1.

Baldwin was born in Wisconsin Rapids on October 6, 1923. He attended the west side Lutheran grade school and was graduated from Lincoln high school with the class of 1943. While in high school, he was active in the band, choir, glee club and hockey. He also was a member of the Wisconsin Rapids Drum & Bugle corps.

He entered the navy on July 6, 1943 and received his initial training at Great Lakes, Ill. Next he was sent to the naval air training school at Memphis, Tenn. While at Memphis he became ill with scarlet fever, which was followed by rheumatic fever, hospitalizing him in Memphis for two months. He spent another month in a hospital in New Orleans before recovering, whereupon he was sent to Treasure island, Calif., in April of this year. He next went to Bremerton, Wash., and then overseas on August 18, 1944.

Baldwin was preceded in death by a brother, Richard, 19 years ago.

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