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Sgt. Howard W. "Bud" Pagels, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pagels, Route 2, Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action May 9 on Luzon island in the Philippines, according to a war department telegram received by the soldier's parents.

Sergeant Pagels was serving with the 152nd infantry in the 38th division. He previously had been wounded February 12, for which he had been awarded the Purple Heart, and only recently returned to duty.

He was born in Wisconsin Rapids June 12, 1921, attended Hillview rural school and was graduated from Lincoln High school with the class of 1939. Prior to his entry into the army in August, 1942, he was employed by the Biron division of Consolidated Water Power and Paper company.

The sergeant received military training at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Camp Caribelle, Fla., Fort George Meade, Md., and Camp Livingston, La., and went overseas to the Hawaiian islands in December, 1943. Later, he served in New Guinea and then in the Philippines. His last letter to his parents was dated April 22 of this year.

Sergeant Pagels is survived by his parents, two brothers, Kenneth and Dale, and three sisters, Barbara, Ariene and Mrs. Earl Johnson, all residing at the Route 2 address.

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