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Julius Rude jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rude, Route 1, is Wisconsin Rapids' first fatality of the second World war.  
His parents received a telegram Sunday from the U. S. navy department in Washington announcing that he lost his life on February 18, "in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country."  
**Enlisted Year Ago**  
Julius, best known to his friends here as Junior, enlisted in the navy January 29, 1941. He was a fireman, third class, aboard a destroyer of the Atlantic fleet, and the last letter his parents received from him had been mailed from Boston. It is considered likely that his ship was engaged in convoy duty in the Atlantic.  
The full text of the telegram to his parents, signed by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of navigation, follows:

"The navy department exceedingly regrets to advise you that your son, Julius Rude, fireman third class, U. S. army, lost his life on February 18, 1942, in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country.  
"Further details will be communicated to you by his commanding officer. Should body be recovered you will be notified immediately. Sincere sympathy is extended to you in this deep sorrow."  
**Graduate of Lincoln High**  
Julius Rude jr. was born in Wisconsin Rapids November 1, 1921 and was educated in the local schools, spending his entire life in this community until his enlistment in the navy little more than a year ago. He was a graduate of Lincoln high school with the class of 1940.  
Surviving are his parents, two brothers, Richard and Douglas, three sisters, Beatrice, Dorothy and Carol, all at home, and his paternal grandparents, of Merrillan, Wis.

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