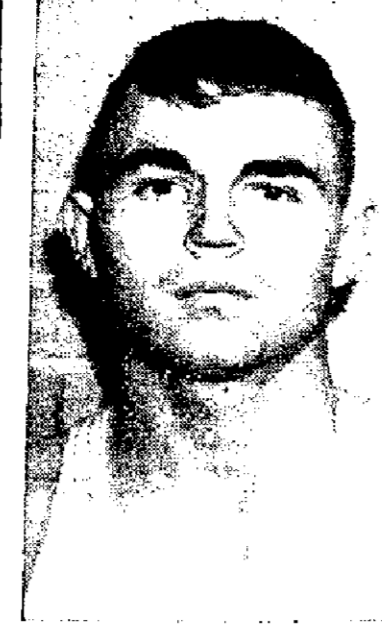


These Men Died in Order to Help Bring Victory Over Japan



DIED IN ACTION—Pfc. Donald V. Holz, 29, town of Saratoga, was killed in action February 27, in the Pacific theater of operations. He was born in the town of Saratoga and attended Alexander High school, Nekoosa.

KILLED ON ROMBLON — Pfc. Howard R. Crowns, Nekoosa, was killed in action March 23 on Romblon Island in the central Philippines. An infantryman, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Crowns, Jr.

PHILIPPINE WAR VICTIM—T/5 Joe K. Goodrich, 23, Wisconsin Rapids, died in action April 9, 1945 on Luzon in the Philippines. An infantryman, he was the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Goodrich.

DIED ON U.S.S. FRANKLIN—MT/S Robert F. Wunrow, Arpin, was killed March 19, 1945 when a Japanese plane bombed the carrier Franklin. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wunrow.

DIED ON NEW GUINEA — Pfc. Philip Dittman, 23, of Wisconsin Rapids, met death in action on New Guinea August 2, 1944. A member of the field artillery, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dittman.

FORMER RAPIDS MAN KILLED —Richard Perling, 21, radio operator first class in the navy, was killed in action in the Pacific in March 22, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perling, formerly of Wisconsin Rapids.

KILLED IN ACTION — Lester O. Wood, 29, seaman 2/c, was killed in action in the south Pacific March 22, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, Plainfield residents.

KILLED IN ACTION—Pfc. E. Stempinski, 28, of Nekoosa Star Route, was killed in action in the southwest Pacific, December 22, 1942. An infantryman, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stempinski.



PERISHED IN CRASH — Sgt. Roger M. Stoffel, 25, died in the crash of an army transport plane in Dutch Guiana, January 15, 1943. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoffel, formerly of Arpin.

LOST LIFE IN THE PACIFIC—Ensign Frank H. Stuve, 23, of Cranmoor, died in a plane crash into the ocean off the coast of Oregon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stuve.

ACCIDENT PROVED FATAL—Second Lt. Merlin C. Douglas, town of Coburn, Adams county, met death in 1943 in an accident in the Pacific war theater. He was the son of Mrs. Ivy Douglas.

DIED FIGHTING JAPS—Sgt. Jack H. Matthews, 24, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action August 2, 1944, at Aitua, New Guinea. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Matthews.

SEAMAN MET DEATH — V. F. Baldwin, 21, of Wisconsin Rapids, died in action in the Pacific in the fall of 1944. A seaman second class, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Baldwin.

KILLED ON SAIPAN ISLAND—Pfc. Robert Lamb, 19, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action June 25, 1944, on Saipan island in the Marianas. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lamb.



LOST LIFE ON MINDORO — S/Sgt. Henry F. Bain, Jr., Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action June 18, 1945 on Mindoro island in the Philippines. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bain, he was tail-gunner on a B-21 bomber.

MET DEATH ON LEYTE—Pfc. Arnold J. Neises, 33, of Wisconsin Rapids, died in action on Leyte island in the Philippines, December 20, 1944. An infantryman, he was the son of Mrs. Mary Neises.

MET DEATH ON OKINAWA—Pfc. Leland "Eldon" Cleveland, 21, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action May 13, 1945 on Okinawa island in the Pacific. A marine, he was the son of Mrs. Emil Reinert.

LUZON WAR VICTIM—Pfc. Louis Dillinger, 29, of Auburndale, was killed in action April 26, 1945 on the island of Luzon. A member of the 32nd division, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dillinger.

DIED ON JAP SHIP—Pfc. Joseph Havlena, Nekoosa marine, lost his life October 24, 1944, when the prison ship on which he was being removed from the Philippines to Japan was sunk. He had enlisted in 1940.

KILLED IN PHILIPPINES—Pfc. Henry J. Kedrowski, 19, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action June 15, 1945, on Luzon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Kedrowski and was born in Stockton, Wisconsin.

INFANTRYMAN KILLED — Pfc. Erwin L. Weinbauer, 23, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action on Saipan island in the Marianas, July 11, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Weinbauer.

DIED IN SOUTH PACIFIC—Wallace J. Schuetz, 22, Wisconsin Rapids, died in action in the south Pacific in the spring of 1944. An aviation machinist's mate, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schuetz.



DIED IN PRISON CAMP — Pfc. Elmer F. Blonien, 28, of Rudolph, died in a Jap prison camp in the Philippines in 1943. He had been missing since Bataan. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blonien.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL—George Ernest Brown, 18, of Route 5, Wisconsin Rapids, died November 29, 1944, of wounds received in the Pacific zone. A seaman, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Brown.

DIED ON SAIPAN ISLAND—QM/Sgt. Verner A. Wilson, 30, son of Mrs. Bert Sparks, Wisconsin Rapids, died on Saipan island on January 8, 1945. He had joined the marines before the First World war.

KILLED ON LUZON ISLAND—Pfc. Albert J. Quimby, 30, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action May 7, 1945, on Luzon island. A member of a medical detachment, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Quimby.

MET DEATH ON LUZON — Sgt. Howard W. Pagels, 23, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action May 5, 1945, on Luzon island. The son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pagels, he had previously been wounded February 12, 1945.

KILLED ON IWO JIMA — Sgt. Charles Fitzgerald, 25, Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action March 1, 1945 in Iwo Jima. A member of the Fifth marine division, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald.

DIED FIGHTING ON LEYTE—Sgt. Dale F. Damitz, 24, of Wisconsin Rapids, died in action on Leyte island in the Philippines late in 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Damitz.

DIED IN CALIFORNIA—Pfc. Harland Spry, 20, of Nekoosa, died April 16, 1945 at Letterman hospital, San Francisco, Calif. An aerial mechanic, he was the son of Mrs. Bessie Spry.



WENT DOWN WITH SHIP—Gordon A. Firth, seaman 2/c, USNR, of Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, died in action when his ship, the Liscome Bay, was sunk off the Gilbert Islands, November 24, 1943.

PARATROOPER KILLED — Pfc. George H. Piek, Jr., 26, of Arpin, died in action on New Guinea, September 13, 1944. An American paratrooper, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Piek.

CENTRAL PACIFIC VICTIM—Sgt. Leroy F. Hease, 33, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action in the central Pacific during the summer of 1944. A marine, he was the son of Mrs. Henry Hease.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL — Sgt. Clifford Pinney, Route 1, Pittsville, died April 12, 1945 of wounds received in action off the coast of Luzon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pinney.

DIED IN EXPLOSION—Pfc. Howard C. Winter, 31, Junction City, was killed in an ammunition explosion at Kunming, China, in the summer of 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winter.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL—Cpl. Francis J. Hertel, 22, of Milladore, died May 28, 1944, of wounds received in action off the north coast of New Guinea. He was the son of Jacob Hertel.

KILLED ON OKINAWA—Pfc. Sidney C. Waterman, 26, was killed in action on Okinawa island in the Pacific April 29, 1945. His wife, Bernice, and two children resided in Wisconsin Rapids at the time of his death.

KILLED ON LEYTE ISLAND—S/Sgt. Edwin J. Regan, 29, of Wisconsin Rapids, was killed in action on Leyte island in the Philippines, December 9, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Regan.