IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Volume
Dedicated to those Men and Women
of Delaware
who lost their lives
During World War II

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On March 14, 1944, I wrote to the Public Archives Commission expressing appreciation to them and to the volunteers who assisted them in the collection of data illustrative of Delaware's participation in World War II. At the same time I made the following request: "It occurs to me that your Commission could render further service to the State and its citizens by compiling information of all Delawareans who have, or may lose their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. It seems to me it would be appropriate to record the names of these honored dead in a memorial volume to be preserved in the State Archives as a heritage for future generations. If this suggested plan is acceptable to your Commission, I hope that this work may begin in the near future."

It is indeed gratifying to learn from a recent Report of the State Archivist that this work has progressed through the war years and is now nearing a completion. Efforts have not been spared to locate the next of kin of these deceased members of the Armed Forces from our State and to verify the facts contained in the biographical sketches on the following pages. Now that our Country is at peace again it is easier to think of our self interests and pleasures but it is indeed fitting that this volume has been prepared and dedicated to these men and women who made the greatest sacrifice of all so that future generations may not and shall not forget what they did.

Governor
On this eighth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, we have completed a task assigned to us by His Excellency Walter W. Bacon, Governor of Delaware, on March 14, 1944. From the beginning of hostilities Delawareans distinguished themselves in all fields of action; but, often due to wartime censorship, the complete story could not be told. Similarly, as the daily casualty lists were issued, our citizens did not realize, from the piece-meal news of the great struggle, the sacrifices that our men and women of the armed services were making. It is only now that the records can disclose the extent of these privations. Furthermore, we find that with the passage of time many of our citizens are prone to forget the events of the war, its heroic deeds, its valiant efforts and above all its dreadful loss of life. It is indeed fitting that this volume has been compiled and dedicated to these honored dead as an ever-lasting memorial.

In the compilation of the Memorial Volume we were faced with the difficulties of censorship, the removal of the next of kin, the remarriage of widows and also the indifference of some relatives to our appeals for correct information. There were a number of borderline cases in which it was difficult to determine whether or not an individual should be classed as a Delawarean. In all instances we have attempted, as fairly as possible, to obtain accurate information in our listing of those we believe were entitled to recognition in this volume. As our Country maintained occupation forces following actual hostilities, there was the problem of determining the terminal date for the inclusion of names in this volume. Our solution was the acceptance of President Harry S. Truman's Proclamation of December 31, 1946, proclaiming the end of hostilities.

Included in this volume are the names of those men and women of Delaware in all branches of the armed services who lost their lives in the line of duty or because of being in the service of their Country. The biographical accounts disclose the names of those who died in combat and of accidental deaths, those who were missing and presumed lost, and others who died of service-connected disabilities. The names in this volume are arranged alphabetically on a state-wide basis, thus dispensing with the necessity for an index. In every case an effort was made to have the facts in our
file verified by the next of kin. Only in those instances where the next of kin failed to reply after second and third inquiries did we proceed to compile the biographical accounts for this volume. Any omissions were unintentional and brevity of the service record or inaccuracies are due to lack of better information. This volume is the result of nearly six years of intensive work, during which time hundreds of letters were written and many personal inquiries were made.

Much of the burden of this work was done by Mrs. Elsie B. Thomas, Mrs. Corrinne Hitchcock, Mrs. Caroline S. Abbott and Mr. Charles W. Dickens of our staff. We were also aided considerably by Mr. C. L. Reese, Mr. W. Emerson Wilson, Mr. William P. Frank and Mr. Richard L. Rinard of the News-Journal Company as well as members of various posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We would be remiss in our duty if we did not mention the valuable service rendered by Honorable J. Caleb Boggs, and U. S. Senators J. Allen Frear and John J. Williams, who with some difficulty obtained essential information for us from the War Department. Mrs. C. M. Dillon, working at the Veterans' Clearing Bureau in Wilmington, developed much valuable information for us during the early days of the war and Governor Bacon, in addition to encouraging the project, obtained funds for the publication of this volume.

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State Archivist
JOSEPH A. ACKERMAN, Aviation Cadet, U. S. Navy Air Corps, of 1320 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Ignatius A. and Anna L. Ackerman. Died September 4, 1945, in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, of internal injuries received in a plane crash while on a training flight at Pensacola, Florida. He was an aerial photographer and served two years, four months.

ADAM STANLEY ADAMOWICZ, Private, U. S. Army, of 1031 West Second Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of John and Teofila Adamowicz. Killed in action June 4, 1944, at Rocca Priord, Italy, while serving with Company B, 760th Tank Battalion of the Fifth Army. He served for one year, six months, and was decorated with a citation for the African Campaign in 1944 and awarded the Purple heart for wounds received at death.

JOHN ERNEST ADAMS, JR., Private First Class, U. S. Army, of Laurel, Delaware, son of John Ernest, Sr. and Bertha E. (Morris) Adams. Killed September 7, 1944, in the sinking of a Japanese Prison of War ship (freighter) while being transported from Bataan to Japan. He was taken prisoner in the capture of the Philippines in December of 1941 and served four years, two months.

LORAN CHARLES ADAMS, Technician Fourth Grade, U. S. Army, of R. D. 1, Felton, Delaware, son of Charles Cannon and Mamie (Still) Adams. Killed in action on June 2, 1944, in the battle around Cassino in the midst of the great drive for Rome, Italy, by a low-level German plane while excavating wounded with the Medical Detachment of the First Battalion, 339th Regiment of the 85th Division of the Fifth Army. He served for eleven months and was decorated with the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with one bronze battle star, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

RALPH E. ADAMS, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 95 South Chapel Street, Newark, Delaware, son of Lawrence E. and Lillian (Buckingham) Adams. Killed in action June 29, 1944, in an anti-tank assault with the Infantry in Normandy, France. He served nine months.

CHESTER ADKINS, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Maple Street, Holly Oak, Delaware, son of George William and Jennie (Rankins) Adkins. Died from wounds received November 26, 1944, when his plane was shot down over Germany while serving with the 854th Squadron, 491st Group, Eighth Air Force, at Station AAF-143A. He served two years, one month, and received the Air Medal and Purple Heart.
JOHN RAYMOND BOYD, Gunner's Mate Third Class, U. S. Navy, of 217 East Ayre Street, Newport, Delaware, son of Herbert F. and Phoebe A. (Ruth) Boyd. Missing in action September 25, 1943, in Salerno Bay, Italy. Reported killed in action September 25, 1944. He served aboard the U. S. S. _Spiel_, an auxiliary mine sweeper which was struck by an enemy torpedo. He served for one year, two months.

HENRY STEVENSON BRADY, JR., First Lieutenant, U. S. Army, of 200 South Broad Street, Middletown, Delaware, son of Henry Stevenson, Sr. and Grace (Parvis) Brady, husband of Mary Snowden (Cairns) Brady. Died November 10, 1941, of pneumonia at Fort DuPont, Delaware while serving as Commanding Officer of Battery B, 21st Coast Artillery. He served one year and was to have been presented with a commendation as the outstanding officer of his regiment shortly before his death.

ARTHUR WARD BRANGS, Machinist's Mate Second Class, U. S. Navy, of 216 West Fourteenth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Arthur Ward and Edna (Burtt) Brangs, husband of Kathryn Deborah (Cole) Brangs. Killed in action August 4, 1943, in the invasion of Palermo, Sicily while serving on the U. S. S. _Shubrick_, a D. D. 639. He served ten months.

BENJAMIN CARL BRAY, JR., Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 1206-D Mendinhall Court, Riverside, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Benjamin Carl, Sr. and Gertrude (Swain) Bray, husband of Jean Campbell (Baldwin) Bray. Died of cancer June 25, 1947, at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., having been flown there from Rome, Italy October 3, 1945. He served four years, seven months.

CLYDE HAROLD BRECKENRIDGE, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 2607 Madison Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of George Clyde and Pearl Anna (Learn) Breckenridge. Killed in action May 19, 1944, over Hanover, Germany while serving as a gunner-mechanic on a B-24 Liberator Bomber with the 857th Squadron, 492nd Group of the Eighth Air Force, returning from a mission over Brunswick, Germany. He served one year, four months and was decorated with the American Theatre Ribbon, European Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Citation of Honor of the Army Air Force, Presidential Citation of Honor and the Purple Heart Medal.
WALTER S. BRINTON, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 12 Buena Vista Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Willard L. and Viola (Cobb) Brinton. Killed in action June 6, 1944, in the invasion of Omaha Beach, Normandy, France while serving as communication man with Company A, 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division. He served two years, one month and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

WILLIAM ELLIS BRINTON, Messman, Merchant Marine, of Limestone Road, Marshallton, Delaware, son of Harry A. and Annie P. (McGuinness) Brinton, husband of Mary (Long) Brinton. Killed in action May 4, 1942, when the oil tanker S. S. JOSEPH M. CUDAHY was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Gulf of Mexico. He served one year, four months and was decorated with the Mariner's Medal.

ALICE LEVINIA BRITTINGHAM, WAAC, U. S. Army, of Wyoming, Delaware, daughter of Charles and Bertha (Copper) Brittingham. Died May 10, 1943, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia from complications following an appendectomy. She served for two months with Company 3, 21st Training Regiment.

CHARLES MORGAN BRITTINGHAM, Private, U. S. Army, of Route 2, Laurel, Delaware, son of Charles Edward and Myrtle E. (Lowe) Brittingham, husband of Ruth (Brasure) Brittingham. Killed by shrapnel wounds in the head January 23, 1945, in the battle of Luxembourg while serving with Company F, 319th Regiment, 80th Division of the Third Army. He served six months.

RUSSELL LOUIS BRITTINGHAM, Private U. S. Army, of Route 1, Viola, Delaware, son of George Arthur and Ethel Gertrude (McCreedy) Brittingham, husband of Margaret Mary (Stephens) Brittingham. Killed July 25, 1944, during an air raid on St. Lo, France while serving with a Medical Detachment of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 119th Infantry, 30th (Old Hickory) Division. He served one year and was decorated with the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with one bronze battle star and the Purple Heart.

RICHARD LINDSAY BRITTON, Lieutenant Junior Grade, U. S. Navy, of 2002 Monroe Place, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Everett A. and Rachael (Lindsay) Britton, husband of Betty Lee (Wingert) Britton. Missing in action December 15, 1943, on board the submarine U. S. S. CEPULIN when it failed to return from a patrol in the Southwest Pacific and declared dead January 10, 1946. He served one year, eleven months and was decorated with the Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign and World War II Victory Medals.
FRANCIS LAIRD BROWN, JR., Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army, of 111 East Fortieth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Francis Laird and Elizabeth B. (Kunz) Brown, husband of Mildred (Theis) Brown. Died of wounds September 27, 1944, in Germany while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Eighth Infantry, Fourth (Ivy) Division. He served one year, eleven months.

HORACE CARL BROWN, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army, of R. F. D. 1, Newark, Delaware, son of D. Carl and Beryl Vaughn (Doughten) Brown. Killed in action February 28, 1945, at Gilenkirquen, Germany while serving with Company B, 335th Infantry, 84th (Rail-splitters) Division, First Army. He served one year, ten months and was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

JOHN JOSEPH BROWN, Ship’s Cook Second Class, U. S. Navy, of 808 West Sixth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of John W. and Mary R. (Kelly) Brown, husband of Anna E. (Duszak) Brown. Killed in action February 21, 1945, while serving on the escort aircraft carrier U. S. S. BISMARCK SEA in the battle of Iwo Jima. He served two years, six months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

LESLIE MORRIS BROWN, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, son of Elmer and Viola (Morris) Brown, husband of Josephine (Carter) Brown. Died June 9, 1945, as a result of an appendicitis operation at Bear Field Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana while serving with the 806th A. A. F. Fighter Unit. He served two years nine months.

RAYMOND LEWELLYN BROWN, Private, U. S. Army, of 1210 West Fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Malon James and Eva (Mercer) Brown, husband of Carrie Jane (Hammond) Brown. Killed in action June 1, 1944, in the battle for Rome, Italy while serving with Company D of the 15th Infantry Regiment. He served nine months.

GILBERT BURTON BRYAN, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of R. D. 1, Milton, Delaware, son of William Hazzard and Lillian Mae (Burton) Bryan. Killed in action March 26, 1945, in Germany while serving with the Infantry. He served nine months.

JOHN BRYANT, Steward’s Mate First Class, U. S. Navy, of 1001 B Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Lilly Bryant. Killed in action March 26, 1945, in the Pacific when a Japanese suicide plane attacked the destroyer on which he was serving. He served one year.
FREDERICK WILLIAM BRYNER, III, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 524 East Fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Frederick William and Sophie C. (Gillespie) Bryner. Killed in action October 1, 1944, in southern France while serving with the Infantry of the 45th Division of the Seventh Army. He served nine months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

JAMES SPENCER BUCKSON, JR., Able Seaman, Merchant Marine, of Blackbird, Delaware, son of James Spencer, Sr. and Esta Mae (Porter) Buckson. Killed March 19, 1944, when the M. S. JOHN A. POORE was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean on a return voyage from Bombay, India. He served two years.

PETER BUDNICK, Gunner's Mate Third Class, U. S. Navy, of 1212 Peach Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of John and Kathryn (Makow) Budnick. Lost his life January 27, 1944, in line of duty in a storm in the Mid Atlantic Ocean while serving as a gunner on the U. S. S. BALDWIN. He served one year, two months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

JOHN J. BUKOWSKI, Private, U. S. Army, of 1613 Lancaster Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Alexander and Stella (Romanowski) Bukowski, husband of Jeanette (Makowska) Bukowski. Killed in action July 1944 in France while serving with Company K of the 38th Infantry. He served eight months.

GEORGE HINKLE BULLOCK, JR., Seaman First Class, U. S. Navy Air Corps, of 20 North New Street, Dover, Delaware, son of George Hinkle and Lela (Short) Bullock. Died in a plane crash July 28, 1945, near Okinawa while serving as an aerial gunner and aviation machinist's mate on the A. V. 15 U. S. S. HAMLIN. He served two years, two months.

ROLAND E. BULLOCK, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of Rodney Court Apartments, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Ulysses G. and Mary (White) Bullock, husband of Edna (Lynch) Bullock. Killed September 25, 1945, in France while attached to an Infantry unit. He served one year, four months.
ROBERT J. BURGER, Quartermaster, Merchant Marine, of 668 North State Street, Dover, Delaware, son of John and Bessie V. (McKnight) Burger. Died in a lifeboat February 15, 1943, after the sinking of the M.S. ATLANTIC SUN by a German U-Boat in the North Atlantic Ocean about 400 miles east of Cape Race while transporting oil for Army and Navy in Iceland. He served one year, six months and was awarded the Mariner’s Medal, a gold medal and certificate of citation.

ALLEN HARRISON BURKE, Coxswain, U. S. Navy, of 40 Seminole Avenue, Claymont, Delaware, son of Allen Pancoast and... (Harrison) Burke. Killed in action April 2, 1945, in the invasion of Okinawa while serving as the pilot of a landing craft based on a destroyer, the U.S.S. DICKERSON. He served two years, nine months and received the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, American and South Pacific Theatre Ribbons with four battle stars for his South Pacific campaigns.

FRANK CARPENTER BURR, Machinist’s Mate Second Class, Merchant Marine, of Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, Delaware, son of Augustus Ward and Elizabeth E. (Carpenter) Burr. Killed March 28, 1945, in the sinking of an oil tanker, the S.S. OKLAHOMA, in the South Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa while serving as a member of an engine crew. He served one year, six months and received ribbons for action in the Mediterranean-Middle East, Atlantic Zone and Pacific War Zone and the Congressional Mariner’s Medal.

FRANK LESLIE BURTON, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 616 Northwest Front Street, Milford, Delaware, son of Leonard Evalee and Anna Elizabeth (Moore) Burton. Killed instantly March 25, 1945, by sniper fire while on patrol making an attack on a house in a small German town and serving with Company B, 513th Parachute Infantry. He served ten months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

THOMAS EDELEN BUSH, Ship Master, Merchant Marine, of 1118 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware, husband of Anna V. Bush. Killed February 21, 1942, in the torpedoeing and sinking of the oil tanker S. S. J. N. Pew in the Caribbean Sea. He was employed by Sun Oil Company for twelve years.

JOHN MITCHELL BUTLER, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Farmington, Delaware, son of W. Norman and Mary M. (Barney) Butler, husband of Meredith (Young) Butler. Killed instantly June 6, 1944, in the first glider to touch soil in the invasion of Normandy, France while serving as a co-pilot with the 38th Troop Carrier Squadron of Glider Detachment. He served two years, six months and was decorated with the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.
JAMES WILBUR CALLAWAY, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Harrington, Delaware, son of Loarn Virgin and Nancy Fannie (Poore) Callaway, husband of Sarah Elizabeth (Smith) Callaway. Killed in action June 11, 1944, while piloting a B-17 Flying Fortress with the Fifteenth Air Force over Romania while on a shuttle bombing mission from Italy to Russia. He served two years, six months and was decorated with the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart.

ROBERT WALLER CALLAWAY, Captain, U. S. Army, of Gordon Heights, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Marion Waller and Anna Caldwell (Hamilton) Callaway, husband of Virginia McComb (Miller) Callaway. Died from lack of medical care March 11, 1945, in Fukuoka Prison Camp on Honshu, Japan after being taken prisoner at Corregidor where he served as Adjutant, 2nd Battalion, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment. He served four years, seven months and was awarded the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

CHARLES DENWARD CAMPBELL, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, son of Charles W. and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Campbell, husband of Catherine (Smith) Campbell. Killed in action October 30, 1944, on the Italian front in the Alps Mountains while serving with Company A, 11th Armored Regiment, First Division, Fifth Army. He served two years, seven months and was decorated with the Silver Star.

JAMES GEORGE CAMPBELL, Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps, of 606 Ohio Avenue, Brookland Terrace, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Henry and Amelia Mary (Anderson) Campbell. Killed in action September 19, 1944, on Palau Island while serving with a tank battalion of the Marine Corps. He served four years, one month.

FRANCIS PAUL CANNATELLI, Private, U. S. Army, of 1232 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of James and Mary D. (Bruno) Cannatelli, husband of Mary (Floor) Cannatelli. Killed in action October 31, 1944, from a shot by a German sniper in northeastern France while serving with the Infantry. He served ten months and was decorated with the Purple Heart and two bronze stars.

JOHN GEORGE CANNON, JR., Sergeant, U. S. Army, of R. D. 3, Milford, Delaware, son of John George, Sr. and Sara E. (Coleman) Cannon, husband of Margaret Mabel (Paquette) Cannon. Killed in action June 12, 1944, at Montebourg, France by pocket fire and shell while serving as a section leader of a mortar squadron with the Fourth Infantry Division. He served one year, eleven months and was decorated with the Bronze Star.
SAMUEL NICHOLAS CANTERA, Private, U. S. Army, of 508 West Twenty-fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Nicholas J. and Pauline Cantera, husband of Sophie P. (Wojnysz) Cantera. Died July 7, 1944, from wounds received in action in Italy while serving with an engineer camouflage unit of the Fifth Army. He served one year, one month.

MARIO JAMES CAPANO, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 521 North duPont Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph and Michelena (Rizzo) Capano. Died of wounds June 25, 1944, in the Fifth Evacuation Hospital in France while serving with the 116th Infantry. He served one year, four months.

ROWLAND EURIE CARDWELL, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 413 West Thirtieth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Thomas Rowland and Susie Edith (Donovan) Cardwell. Died of nephritis December 12, 1943, in Second General Hospital, London, England following an attack of pneumonia while in training at Camp Lee, Virginia. He served eleven months in the Quartermaster Corps.

HALTON R. CAREY, Seaman, Merchant Marine, of Frankford, Delaware, son of James T. and Susan J. (Carey) Carey. Died February 22, 1942, when the S. S. W. D. ANDERSON was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Florida. He served approximately one year.

RUSSELL GEORGE CAREY, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, of Millsboro, Delaware, son of George and Viola (Melson) Carey, husband of Edna Mae (Wootten) Carey. Killed in action January 6, 1945, in the South Pacific while serving on the U. S. S. NEW MEXICO. He served six months.

MORTON CARLIS, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 413 McCabe Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Samuel Carlis. Killed in action.

PHILLIP MASON CARLON, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 2430 West Eighteenth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Harry P. and Maude V. (Phillips) Carlon. Killed in action October 14, 1944, in Italy while serving as a ball-turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber with the Fifteenth Air Force. He served three years, two months and was decorated with the Air Medal.
DANFORTH BUSH CARMICHAEL, Storekeeper First Class, U. S. Navy, of 2311 West Eighteenth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Ernest and Julia (Bush) Carmichael. Died February 28, 1944, of an acute cardiac dilation in England. He served two years, six months.

VICTOR JOHN CAROZZO, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Montchanin, Delaware, son of John and Catherine (Marenco) Carozzo. Killed July 17, 1943, near Logan, New Mexico in the explosion of a B-17 on a trial flight while training. He served eleven months.

MAXWELL CASE, JR., Corporal, U. S. Army, of 2310 Monroe Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Maxwell and Julia Ross (Porter) Case, husband of Lola Louise (Barnhill) Case. Killed in action February 26, 1945, on Corregidor while serving as an intelligence scout with the 542nd Parachute Infantry. He served one year, ten months and was twice cited for decoration of the Bronze Star.

ARTHUR LEE CASSON, Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps, of 37 Atkins Avenue, Colonial Park, Wilmington, Delaware, son of James Roe and Amy Woodwood (Swann) Casson, husband of Genevieve Marie (Thornton) Casson. Killed in action February 19, 1945, on Iwo Jima while serving with the 23rd Regiment of the Fourth Marine Division. He served two years, eleven months.

WILLIAM LESLIE CATTS, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 18 West Twentieth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Fred and Sallie (Bascoe) Catts, husband of Marjorie E. (Wrightson) Catts. Died January 23, 1945, of shrapnel wounds at Strasbourg, France while serving with the Infantry of the Third Division, Seventh Army. He served one year, one month and was decorated with the Purple Heart, four battle stars and Presidential Citation.

CHARLES LEONARD CAULK, JR., Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, of 2137 Linden Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Charles Leonard and Henriette E. (Jacobs) Caulk. Killed in action November 13, 1942, at Guadalcanal in the sinking of the cruiser U. S. S. JUNEAU while serving as a gun trainer on the vessel. He served ten months and was decorated with the Navy “E” and Purple Heart.

DONALD C. CAULK, Sergeant, U. S. Army, of Townsend, Delaware, son of Ferdinand and Hattie Caulk. Died May 23, 1945, in Liege, Belgium while serving with the Quartermaster Corps. He served two years.
PAUL LEE CAULK, Sergeant, U. S. Marine Corps, of 2137 Linden Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Charles Leonard and Henriette E. (Jacobs) Caulk. Killed in action July 21, 1944, on Guam while serving as a platoon section leader in Company L of the Third Marine Division. He served two years, six months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

LOUIS CERASARI, Private, U. S. Army, of 209 North duPont Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Giovanni and Adeline (Breccia) Cerasari, husband of Margaret (Hamill) Cerasari. Died August 24, 1946, in Walter Reed Hospital from injuries received in a jeep and automobile collision at Dover, Delaware en route to the Dover Army Air Base. He served one year, five months in the 11th Armored Division.

GEORGE JOSEPH CHADICK, Lieutenant Junior Grade, U. S. Navy Air Corps, of 1018 Read Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Frank P. and Gertrude M. (Ryan) Chadick. Killed June 24, 1945, in a plane crash off the coast of China, in an attempt to aid other flyers who had crash landed, while serving as a co-pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber attached to Patrol Bombing Squadron 119 stationed in the Philippines. He served two years, eleven months and was decorated with three Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

ALBERT JEFFERS CHALMERS, Private, U. S. Army, of 2214 Jessup Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of David B. and Melvina R. (Clark) Chalmers. Killed in action June 10, 1944, in France while serving with the American Rangers in the invasion of Normandy. He served two years and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

WILLIAM JOHN CHALMERS, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, of Bridgeville, Delaware, son of John and Ruby (Houck) Chalmers. Killed February 1, 1943, in the sinking of the destroyer U. S. S. De Haven during the battle for the Solomon Islands while serving as a signalman. He served six months.

CLARENCE COLLINS CHAMBERS, Corporal, U. S. Marine Corps, of 6 Market Street, Newport, Delaware, son of Frank and Emma Eva (King) Chambers. Killed in action September 16, 1944, in the invasion of Peleliu Island in the Palau group while serving with the First Marine Division. He served two years, ten months.
JOHN WILLARD CHANDLER, Private, U. S. Army, of Hockessin, Delaware, son of Thomas J. and Isabella (Derickson) Chandler. Killed in action September 12, 1943, on New Guinea while serving with Battery B, 169th Field Artillery Battalion attached to an Infantry Division. He served two years, five months.

DONALD WALKER CHEFF, Captain, U. S. Army, of Kenlyn Apartments, Newport, Delaware, son of Paul P. and Harriet (Walker) Cheff, husband of Elizabeth C. (Cline) Cheff. Killed in action April 16, 1945, while evacuating invasion casualties on Ie Shima of the Ryukyu Islands while serving as Company Commander in the 302nd Medical Battalion of the 77th Infantry Division. He served two years, eleven months and was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Silver Star.

PHILIP WELLINGTON CHILLAS, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 307 Ohio Avenue, Brookland Terrace, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Philip W. and Rebecca (Huntsman) Chillas, husband of Annabelle L. (Hill) Chillas. Killed in action January 22, 1945, in Belgium while serving with an Infantry unit. He served seven months.

ARMANDO JOHN CIABATTONI, Fireman First Class, U. S. Navy, of 512 Rodman Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Cesare and Algisa (De Menco) Ciabattoni, husband of Jennie (Ciuffetelli) Ciabattoni. Died May 11, 1945, on the U. S. S. WILKES-BARRE in the Pacific as a result of gas and oil fumes which he inhaled while serving in the engine room of the aircraft carrier U. S. S. BUNKER HILL when it was attacked by Japanese suicide planes. He served one year, six months.

LAMBERT STEPHEN CIANCAGLINI, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 723 West Ninth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph and Erminia (Angelucci) Ciancaglini. Killed in action January 12, 1945, of shrapnel wounds in the chest while serving with the Infantry at Natum, Luxembourg. He served three years.

JEROME JOSEPH CICHOCKI, Private, U. S. Marine Corps, of 700 East Seventh Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Stanley and Julia (Piorkowska) Cichocki. Killed in action March 11, 1945, on Iwo Jima while serving with the Marine Corps. He served eight months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

STANLEY JOHN CIESZYNSKI, Coxswain, U. S. Navy, of 325 South Jackson Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Mrs. Josephine Cieszynski. Died January 1945 when the destroyer U. S. S. MONAGHAN was lost in the typhoon in Philippine waters. He served two years, four months and was decorated with eight bronze stars for major engagements in the Pacific.
EVERETT WILLIAM ADKINS, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 300 East Fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Harry Fisher and Dollie Martha (Hoverter) Adkins. Killed in action November 4, 1943, in battle against German troops near Salerno, Italy, while serving with a medical detachment. He served for two years and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

WILLIAM HENRY ALLEN, Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 1232 Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Louis and Edna (Wilkens) Allen, husband of Dorothea (Reynolds) Allen. Died of wounds June 8, 1944, at Winchester, England. He served with the Port Battalion, Transportation Corps, Army Service Forces, for eleven months.

LEWIS WORN ALLISON, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 519 West Seventh Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Herbert C. and Bessie B. Allison. Killed in action May 1, 1945, in Austria while serving with the 55th Armored Infantry Division of the Third Army. He served for two years, five months.

DAVID FRANCIS ANDERSON, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 2801 Ferris Road, Brookland Terrace, Wilmington, Delaware, son of James Norris and Sarah Marie (Barr) Anderson. Killed in action July 17, 1944, in France while serving with the Infantry. He served for one year, five months, and was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, medals for marksmanship in rifle and pistol, expert medal for the machine gun and the Purple Heart.

JAMES ROBERT ANDERSON, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army, of 227 Orchard Road, Newark, Delaware, son of Lt. Col. Sam W. and Willie Wray (Robinson) Anderson, husband of Trubie B. (Weeke) Anderson. Killed in action January 4, 1945, at Colmar, France while serving with an Anti-Aircraft unit. He served two years, three months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

DICK MASTEN APPEL, Private, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Route 1, Ellendale, Delaware, son of Charles Robert and Sara Ellen (Masten) Appel. Died of pneumonia April 29, 1942, at Balanga, Bataan, Philippine Islands after becoming a Japanese prisoner April 10, 1942. He was an assistant crew chief on a P-35A airplane with the 20th Pursuit Squadron at Nichols Field on Luzon and served for one year, eight months.

EDWARD VICTOR ATWELL, JR., First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 1900 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Edward V. Atwell, Sr. Died in a plane crash in the South Pacific.
JOSEPH FABIAN CIRINO, Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 506 West Twenty-fourth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph Henry and Rose Elizabeth (Perri) Cirino, husband of Elizabeth D. (Walters) Cirino. Died from burns received June 23, 1943, at Dyersburg, Tennessee in the crash of a Flying Fortress while training prior to going overseas. He served nine months.

DAVID WILLIAM CLANCY, First Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 103 Hawley Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of David and Mary (O'Malley) Clancy, husband of Irmgard (Buehner) Clancy. Killed in action August 26, 1944, on the Gothic Line near Rome, Italy while serving with the 536th Anti-Aircraft Division. He served for about six years and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

JAMES CHARLES CLARK, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 1608 North Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of James Marshall and Helen (Byrd) Clark, husband of Helen Marguerite (McCool) Clark. Killed in an airplane accident November 27, 1944, in the Gulf of Mexico while serving as a navigator of a B-29 Superfortress based at Great Bend, Kansas. He served one year, two months.

CLIFTON LEON CLEAVER, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Christiana, Delaware, son of Orville and Grace (Cowgill) Cleaver. Killed in action February 28, 1944, over Vichy, France when his plane failed to return from a mission, while serving as an engineer on a B-17 Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force based in England. He served one year, four months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

JAMES THOMAS CLEAVES, Private, U. S. Army, of Route 5, Harrington, Delaware, son of Wilbur Hyland, Sr. and Nora (Butler) Cleaves. Died May 20, 1944, in the Central Pacific from meningitis and frontal sinusitis while serving with the Infantry. He served one year, six months.

JAMES CAUSEY CLEANDANIEL, Corporal, U. S. Army, of Route 1, Lincoln, Delaware, son of James Henry and Grace (Donovan) Clendaniel, husband of Roberta (Betts) Clendaniel. Killed in action February 16, 1946, at Paris, France by gun shot defending U. S. mail while serving as a mail courier. He served more than two years.
PAUL ALOYSIUS AUGUST, Private, U. S. Army, of 320 South Claymont Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph B. and Bertha Ellen (Davis) August, husband of Eula Gertrude (Charlton) August. Killed in action December 2, 1944, in France while serving with the Infantry. He served three years, eight months.

WILLIAM HENRY AUSTIN, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 109 West Third Street, Milford, Delaware, son of Henry Lavinus and Helen A. (Smith) Austin. Killed in an airplane accident October 15, 1945, at Guam while serving as an aerial gunner. He served two years, three months and was decorated with the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, a Medal for Pistol Marksmanship and the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

GEORGE JOHN BACHER, JR., Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 202 West Twenty-fifth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of George J., Sr. and Matilda (Yaeger) Bacher. Died May 14, 1944, of wounds received in the bombing of an airfield on Corsica where he was a ground crewman with the 489th Bomb Squadron, 340th Bomb Group of the Army Air Forces (Mitchell, B-25, medium bomber group). He served two years, one month, and was decorated with the Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, and African and European Campaign Ribbons with 3 stars.

JOHN JAMES BADER, Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy, of 1006 North Monroe Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Edward Leo and Sarah Jane (Knox) Bader, husband of Ann Cecilia (O'Donnell) Bader. Died from a heart condition September 1, 1946, on board the U. S. S. REPOSE in the harbor of Tsing Tao, China, while in charge of the loading and unloading of vessels for the Fleet Freight Office there. He served three years, ten months, and was decorated with Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Ribbon with one bronze star and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star.

CHARLES C. BAILEY, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 207 Market Street, Laurel, Delaware, son of George W. and Bertha (Darrling) Bailey, husband of Margaret E. (Hitch) Bailey. Killed in action February 23, 1944, in Italy while serving with an Infantry unit. He served eleven months.
HARVEY LEWIS BALDWIN, Technical Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 328 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware, son of William Chandler and Irma (Pennock) Baldwin, husband of Dorothy Mae (Dawson) Baldwin. Died of coronary thrombosis August 19, 1943, at State College, Pennsylvania while studying in the Medical Corps under the Army Specialized Training Program. He served two years.


NATHAN BALICK, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 1032 Lombard Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Rubin and Jennie (Klein) Balick. Killed in action July 11, 1944, in Normandy, France while serving with Company K of the 120th Infantry. He served three years, six months.

JOHN HALSTEAD BANKS, III, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 18 Seminole Avenue, Claymont, Delaware, son of John H., Jr. and Anna A. (Casey) Banks. Reported missing in action on April 17, 1945, over Dresden, Germany on a reconnaissance mission while serving as a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot with 397th Fighter Squadron, 368th Fighter Group in Europe. He served two years, seven months.

CHARLES EDWARD BANNING, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 507 West Twenty-sixth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Charles Edward and Anna Sabina (Mark) Banning. Killed in action July 11, 1944, returning from a mission over Munich, Germany in a plane crash in English Channel while serving as an aerial gunner on a B-24 Liberator with the Eighth Air Force in England. He served three years, eight months and was decorated with the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation and Citation of Honor.

STEPHEN BARAN, Petty Officer Second Class, U. S. Navy, of 1220 Pearl Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Nicholas and Anna (Leszynsky) Baran. Missing in action in January of 1944 while on duty in the South Pacific on the U. S. S. CORRINO. He served three years.

ANTHONY JOHN BARBIERI, Private, U. S. Army, of 1834 West Fifth Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph and Edith Angeline Barbieri. Killed in action September 17, 1944, in Germany while serving as an infantryman with the Rainbow Division. He served one year, one month.
ROBERT LANGLEY BARNES, Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 802 Taylor Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Clarence L. and Elizabeth (Truitt) Barnes, husband of Dorothy (Binder) Barnes. Killed in action September 1, 1944, in France while serving as a leader of a machine gun squad with Company I, 60th Infantry, Ninth Division. He served one year and was decorated posthumously with the Purple Heart.

GEORGE G. BARNETT, Private, U. S. Army, of 15 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware, son of Albert S. Barnett. Killed in action 1945 in Europe.

ROBERT LEE BARRETT, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 1002 North Jackson Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of James and Frances (Stauber) Barrett. Died of wounds May 17, 1945, on Mindanao in the Philippine Islands while serving with the 155th Infantry Regiment of the 31st Division. He served two years, two months.

WILLIAM KIRK BAYNARD, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 420 South State Street, Dover, Delaware, son of William J. and Julia (Kirk) Baynard. Died July 20, 1942, at Osaka Yodogawa Bunsho P. O. W. Camp in Japan as a result of cardiac beri-beri. He was with the Anti-Aircraft Warning Company of the Signal Corps on Corregidor in the Philippines when captured. He served one year, six months.

PHILIP ALDEN BEAMAN, Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 22 Kells Avenue, Newark, Delaware, son of Ralph Heckman and Sarah Elizabeth (Probert) Beaman. Killed in action March 7, 1945, by machine gun fire on Luzon while serving as a squad leader of a large patrol near Aringay, La Union Province with the Intelligence Unit of Headquarters Company, 130th Infantry, 33rd Division. He died so that a wounded comrade could be carried to safety. He served three years and was decorated with the Purple Heart Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross.

DOUGAL MACLEAN BEATSON, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 2309 Pine Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of John M. and Florence E. (Kirkpatrick) Beatson, husband of Carmen (Kimball) Beatson. Died October 16, 1944, in an English hospital as a result of a plane crash on October 15 while serving with the 18th Squadron of the 34th Bomb Group in England. He served two years, one month and was decorated with the Purple Heart.
NORMAN GEORGE BECKER, Corporal, U. S. Army, of 1200 Pleasant Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Henry and Catherine (Sharp) Becker. Killed by enemy machine gun fire October 14, 1944, in northern Italy while serving with Company K, 135th Infantry. He served two years, seven months.

GEORGE CONRAD BEEBE, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of Lincoln, Delaware, son of James Archie and Grace Lee (Young) Beebe. Killed in action June 6, 1944, in the invasion of France while serving with the Infantry. He served four years, five months.

JAMES HUE BELL, Private, U. S. Army, of 1117 Kirkwood Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Burley O. and Effie Julia (Hargis) Bell, husband of Rosebud Lee (Marshall) Bell. Killed in action on November 23, 1944, at Immendorf, Germany while serving with Company D of the 405th Infantry Regiment. He served one year, two months.

LOUIS WALDO BELLOW, Private, U. S. Army, of Arden, Delaware, son of Louis I. and Jeannette (Cotlar) Bellow. Killed in action August 10, 1944, near St. Lo, France while serving as a gunner with an amphibian troop of Company I, 112th Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He served one year, five months and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

CHARLES ALVIN BENNETT, Master Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 501 Elsmere Avenue, Richardson Park, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Mrs. R. E. Bender, husband of Anne E. (Murphy) Bennett. Killed in a vehicle accident in Ranikhet, India November 15, 1944, while serving as a radio operator with B-29 Super Fortress Units. He served fourteen years and was decorated with the American Defense Service Medal.

RALPH HARRIS BENNETT, Seaman First Class, U. S. Navy, of Route 1, Dover, Delaware, son of Robert Powers and Sarah Ann (Marker) Bennett. Declared killed on February 26, 1945, having been lost February 25, 1944, in the collision of the S. S. E. L. COSTON and another allied vessel. He was serving with a Navy armed guard on this merchant ship carrying high explosives from New York to the United Kingdom. He served one year, eleven months and was decorated with American Defense Campaign Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.
PETER ANTHONY BIANCO, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of R. F. D. 2, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Domenick and Angelina (Lattanzio) Bianco, husband of Anne R. (Perrone) Bianco. Killed in action July 23, 1944, in Normandy, France while serving with Company A, 358th Infantry of the 90th Division. He served two years, eleven months.

WILLIAM JOSEPH BIESINGER, JR., Corporal, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 3204 Monroe Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of William Joseph, Sr. and Ethel Marie (Carpenter) Biesinger. Killed March 5, 1944, in the explosion of an Army bomber while on a routine training flight of the 356th Bomb Squadron thirty miles off the coast of Jacksonville, Florida. He served one year, one month.

RAYMOND WILLIAMS BIRCH, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army, of 623 East Twenty-second Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Paul H. and Minnie O. (Williams) Birch, husband of Frances (Stapleford) Birch. Killed in action February 1, 1945, on Luzon, Philippine Islands while serving with the Paratroops. He served four years, one month.

JAMES WILLIAM BISHOP, First Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of Central Avenue, Laurel, Delaware, son of George C. and Annie J. (Derickson) Bishop. Reported missing in action December 5, 1942, while on a bombing mission over Northwest Africa near Bizerte, Tunisia, and declared officially killed December 5, 1943. He served as a bomber pilot in a B-25 bomber with the 379th Squadron of the 310th Bomb Group. He served one year, eleven months and was decorated with the Purple Heart Medal.

HOWARD THOMPSON BLACK, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 2407 Lamotte Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph Henry and Cora M. (Thompson) Black. Died March 26, 1945, of wounds received in an airborne jump over Wesel, Germany while serving as a pathfinder in Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 513th Paratroop Infantry, 17th Airborne Division. He served two years, two months.

WILFORD MILTON BLACK, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of Delaware Avenue, Bridgeville, Delaware, son of Milton George and Lady Kate (King) Black, husband of Lysle Catherine (McDowell) Black. Killed in action December 16, 1944, near Kesternich, Germany while fighting with the 310th Regiment of the 78th Lightning Division. He served nine months.
FREDERICK JOSHUA BLACKBURN, JR., Sergeant, U. S. Army, of Montchanin, Delaware, son of Frederick J., Sr. and Sarah (Brown) Blackburn, husband of Alice (Mathewson) Blackburn. Killed by enemy artillery fire January 20, 1945, near San Fabian, Luzon while serving with Casual Company 69 of the Field Artillery. He served three years, one month, and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

WILLIAM WESLEY BLACKBURN, JR., Sergeant, U. S. Army, of R. F. D. 2, Townsend, Delaware, son of William Wesley, Sr. and Pearl Virginia (Howell) Blackburn. Killed in action March 24, 1945, at Linz, Germany while serving with Company K, 393rd Infantry Regiment. He served one year, two months and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

RICHARD I. BLACKMAN, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of New Castle, Delaware, son of Mrs. Minerva L. Roberts. Died non battle.

ROBERT BLACKMAN, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of New Castle, Delaware, son of Mrs. Minerva Roberts. Killed in action in Europe about October 1944.

RAY HENDERSON BLACKWELL, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army, of Marshallton, Delaware, son of William H. and Suda (Sneed) Blackwell, husband of Dorothy (Smith) Blackwell. Killed in action January 24, 1945, in Belgium in the battle of the Belgian Bulge while serving with the Field Artillery of the 106th (Lion) Division. He served with the regular army ten years, two months.

CHARLES T. BLANCHFIELD, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of South Market and A Streets, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Mack and Lillie Blanchfield. Killed while fighting January 23, 1944, in the crossing of the Rapido River in Italy while serving with the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division of the Fifth Army. He served one year, six months, and was decorated with the Silver Star.

CASIMIR LEONARD BLASKA, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army Air Corps, of 3205 Jefferson Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of August and Mildred (Mikolajewski) Blaska, husband of Mary M. (Hussey) Blaska. Killed in action June 27, 1944, during a mission over Hungary while serving as a navigator on a B-17 with the Fifteenth Air Force. He served two years, five months, and was decorated with the Purple Heart.
ARTHUR M. BLATMAN, Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army, of 213 West Second Street, Wilmington, Delaware, son of Joseph and Lena (Diamond) Blatman. Killed in action March 8, 1945, at Aachen, Germany while serving as forward artillery observer with Company B, 399th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the Eighth Armored Division. He served three years, eleven months, and was decorated with Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, E. T. O. Ribbon, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon, Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medals.

EDGAR CLAYTON BOGGS, Captain, U. S. Army, of Cheswold, Delaware, son of Edgar Jefferson and Lettie (Vaughan) Boggs, husband of Vallerie (Brooks) Boggs. Killed in action February 5, 1945, by a direct hit on his observation post in the battle of Munoz, Luzon while serving as Company Commander of Company B, 20th Infantry, Sixth Infantry Division. He served seven years, seven months, and was decorated with Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal with two bronze stars, Arrowhead, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Badge with Rifle and Carbine Bars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, and the Purple Heart.

WALTER EDWARD BOULDEN, Seaman First Class, U. S. Navy, of Wilmington, Delaware, son of Reverend John Crow and Lula Lanetta (Hague) Boulden. Died November 2, 1943, of malaria fever at Oran, North Africa. He served nine months.

DALLAS ISAAC BOWDEN, Private First Class, U. S. Army, of 600 South Market Street, Blades, Delaware, son of Alfred R. and Lillian (Henderson) Bowden. Killed in action August 10, 1944, in the battle of Mortain, France while serving with Company F of the 134th Infantry. He served one year, one month and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

HARRY SHARP BOWMAN, Private First Class, U. S. Marine Corps, of Tyrone Avenue, Minquadale, New Castle, Delaware, son of Elwood W. and Bertha Cecelia (Martin) Bowman. Killed during a Japanese counter-attack June 16, 1944, on Saipan while serving with an Infantry company of the Fourth Marine Division, covering a change of position by members of his company. He served two years, four months and was decorated with the Navy Cross.
A GOLD STAR MOTHER SPEAKS

Sleep, my son, with heroes of a by-gone age,
And though my heart is heavy, sad and blue,
I know that in travailing pilgrimage,
You looked to God, as I would have you do.
You were my pride, and always will be 'til
I walk the same path you did, to the skies,
And may I gain the courage to fulfil
My earthy tasks as well as you, in your demise.

Sleep, my son, your valor through eternity,
Will be the watchword, for sons not yet born,
And may your fight, for right, equality,
Stand out as bright as sunshine in the morn.
I should not grieve, I had your loan for years,
And you were all a mother's heart could ask,
Should I deface this thought with useless tears,
Or not go on to finish worldly task?

Sleep, my son, I shall not weep for your lost prime,
For youthful years, too swiftly sped along
But I shall set my heart upon the time,
When with the angels, I shall hear your song.
You see me here, and watch with constant care,
I feel your presence in the trees, the sun,
And that is more the reason that I dare,
To say, sleep well, beloved one, my son.

MRS. JOHN GILBERT LEACH,
Poet Laureate of the State of Delaware

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