

Robert Dhom Missing In
Action In North Africa

December 30, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dhom, residing east of Newton, received a telegram from the war department Wednesday morning stating that their son Robert had been missing in action in the "North African" area, since November 26th. This could mean that he had been killed or that he had been taken prisoner by the enemy.

Young Dhom had been in the service since January 15, 1943 and had been serving overseas since the middle of September. He was attached to the U. S. Engineers and is believed to have been on duty with General Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy when he was reported missing.

Before entering the service he was employed by L. E. Kennedy, local trucking contractor, and previous to that time was employed for some time at the E. L. Schedlbauer Feed and Poultry Store.

Friends of Robert residing in Newton received Christmas cards from him, some of them being dated as late as November 13, and so far as is known these are the most recent communications from him received in Newton.

A brother of his, Victor, who is only 16 years of age, is serving in the U. S. Navy, and when last heard from was with the Pacific fleet, somewhere in the southwest Pacific.