

# Lester Wayne

## Purcell Is *Jan. 13,* Killed at Buna *1943*

His Parents Receive Notice from War Department That He was Lost in Southwest Pacific Area

Lester Wayne Purcell of Yale vicinity was killed in action in the Southwestern Pacific area, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Purcell of Yale, were notified by the War Department, Wednesday. He was the sixth man from Jasper county to be listed as killed or missing since the war began, in addition to two men held prisoners by the Japs.

Besides his parents, he leaves two brothers and a sister, Wendell Purcell, United States Army, and Douglas MacArthur at home, and Mrs. Cleda Wright of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Purcell of Bellair are grand-parents.

### Sixth Man Lost

Wayne was in the Infantry and is believed to have been in New Guinea, where the Army under General MacArthur has been engaged in clearing the Japs out of the Buna area.

Reports that Lieutenant James William Coleman, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coleman of Willow Hill vicinity, had been captured by the Japs in New Guinea or the Solomon Islands are believed to be erroneous and based on a confusion of names.