

*Roscoe Fasnacht Jr.*

*Is Reported Killed*

*in Action on Guam*

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Mrs. Lloyd Songer of Newton received word Friday that her brother, Private First Class Roscoe Fasnacht Jr., had been killed in action on Guam, July 21. He had previously been reported missing in action in the South Pacific area.

The message from the Navy Department was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Fasnacht of Richmond, Indiana, formerly of Newton. He was the first local man reported killed or wounded in the attack on Guam.

#### **Well Known Here**

Private Fasnacht enlisted in the Marines in August, 1942, and was sent overseas about a year and a half ago. He was well known here, having made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Woods for several years, but moved to Richmond, Indiana some time before enlisting.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are three brothers, Corporal Richard Fasnacht, United States Marine Corps, in California, Wayne Fasnacht of Newton and Gene Fasnacht at home; three sisters, Mrs. Clifford Erwin of Richmond, Mrs. Lloyd Songer of Newton and Marilyn Fasnacht at home; one step-brother, Staff Sergeant Ira Lewis, and one step-sister, Mrs. Violet Rose Smith.

#### **Joseph C. Reed Wounded**

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed of Newton vicinity have received word from their son, Private Joseph C. Reed, stating that he had been slightly wounded in fighting, somewhere in Italy, and that he had been awarded the Purple Heart medal. He is in a tank division.