

Vincent

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Dewhirst Is Killed in Action

**Died June 12 in France with the
American Invasion Forces, Six
Days After D-Day**

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dewhirst of Smallwood township near Wakefield have received word from the War Department that their son, Lieutenant Vincent Dewhirst, was killed in action in France on June 12, six days after D.-day. He was in the Infantry and had been in the Army for about three years.

So far as known, Lieutenant Dewhirst is the first resident of Jasper county to be reported killed or wounded in action in France.

He was born near Newton, August 7, 1918, and had served in Alaska with the Civilian Conservation Corps before the outbreak of the war.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother and sister, Clifford Dewhirst and Mrs. Katherine Jones of Des Plaines; two grand-parents, Thomas Dewhirst of Newton and Mrs. George Birk of near Wakefield; other relatives and a host of friends.