

Sgt. Merl Vanderhoof

Missing in Action

Mar. 16, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Vanderhoof, of Newton received a telegram this morning from the War Department bearing the sad news that their son, Technical Sergeant Merl Q. Vanderhoof was listed as "missing in action" as of February 22.

Sgt. Vanderhoof was with the 98th bomb group attached to the 415th bomb squadron in Italy.

He left the United States on the 5th

of August, 1943, the date of his twenty-second birthday.

In the last letter received by his parents and dated February 11 he had completed his thirty-third bombing mission over enemy territory, and was nearing the number of mission which would permit him to return home for a furlough.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderhoof. He has three sisters.