

Everett Reed Killed

In Action March 24

1944

Son of Mrs. Winnie Reed Was Killed In Bou- gainville Battle

Mrs. Winnis Reed received a telegram this morning from the War Department stating that her son Private First Class Everett Reed had been killed in action on Bougainville Island in the southwest Pacific on March 24.

The sad news was conveyed to the widowed mother about 9 o'clock this morning by Deputy Sheriff Dyke Dillman. She was alone in her home when the grim message was delivered and she became almost hysterical as she learned of the fate of her son.

Everett was one of three sons of Mrs. Reed who are now in the service. An older brother, Wilbur, is in the army in England and Gerald, a younger brother is with the Coast Guard somewhere in the United States.

Everett left for the army December 22, 1942 and had never been at home for a furlough since that time. He was in training for only four months in this country before being transferred to the Pacific theatre. He was attached to the 129th Infantry.

He was 22 years of age and was a son of the late Chester Reed. Before entering the service he and his mother and brothers were engaged in farming on their farm near Newton. The mother said this morning that he expressed a desire to go into the service and do his part for his country when friends suggested that he try to remain on the farm.