

Newton Boy Reported Missing By Navy

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Fireman Second Class Kenneth Edgar Varvil who has been reported missing in action by the Navy Department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Varvil, of near Lis.

KENNETH VARVIL LISTED MISSING IN PACIFIC AREA

Two Others From County Reported Seriously Injured In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Varvil who reside north of Lis, received a telegram from the Navy Department Tuesday morning stating that their son, Fireman Second Class Kenneth Edgar Varvil was missing in action.

The telegram contained very meager information, but it was presumed that young Varvil was missing in some action in Pacific waters.

His last letter to his parents, written on December 7, stated that he was felling fine and getting along O. K.

Kenneth was 20 years of age last December 21. He had been in service since last January and started his boot training at Farragut, Idaho on January 26, 1944.

He attended school at Wheeler, but was well known in Newton where he has many friends. His last furlough at home was in August.

Besides his father and mother he has one sister, Mrs. Clella Murphy.

This makes the twenty-fourth boy from Jasper County reported killed or missing in action since the United States entered the war.

Wounded on Leyte

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Newton received a telegram from the War Department Tuesday, telling them that their son, Pfc. Floyd R. Wilson had been seriously injured on Leyte island in the Philippine group on December 6.

So far as is known this is the first casualty from this county in General MacArthur's campaign to wrest control of the Philippines from the Jap invaders.

Yale Boy Wounded In France

Mrs. Lenore F. Cramer, of Yale received a telegram from the War Department Tuesday morning, stating that her husband, Pfc. Harold G. Cramer had been seriously wounded in France on December 24.

No other details were contained in the message, but it is thought that Pfc. Cramer was a victim of the big German drive that was launched on December 16 and carried on until it had pushed the American Army back into Belgium some 30 miles.