

Dallas Faye

Kittle Killed

in Action *Mar. 9, 1945*

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kittle of Near Shamrock Lost His Life in Luxembourg, February 19

Private First Class Dallas Faye Kittle, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kittle of near Shamrock, was killed in action in Luxembourg, February 19. The message from the War Department came to his wife, Mrs. Imogene Kittle of Oakland.

Besides his wife and his parents, he leaves two sons, Dwayne, 7, and Leon, 4; four brothers and three sisters, Ray Kittle of Crosswell, Michigan, Frank Kittle of Birmingham, Michigan, Mrs. Vivian Callahan of Pontiac, Michigan, Mrs. Winifred Smith and Mrs. Helen Gentile of St. Louis, Private First Class Charles Kittle, United States Third army in Germany, and Private First Class Vern Kittle, Army Air Force, Neenah Bay, Washington.

He was serving in the Fifth division in General George A. Patton's Third army.

Sergeant Kratz Killed

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kratz of Monticello have received word from the War Department that their son, James Piatt Kratz Jr., was killed in action September 4, 1944, in Belgium. He had previously been reported dead. He was in an Armored division and had been overseas since October, 1943.

He was 32 years of age and assisted his father in the care of his land holdings in Piatt county before entering the service.

He leaves his wife, the former Karleen Dycus of Vandalia; an 11 months old daughter, Tamzin, whom he had never seen; his parents; and one brother, Lieutenant (j. g.) Stephen Kratz, a medical officer in the Navy. One brother, Martin Kratz, died several years ago as a result of injuries received in a train wreck at Tolono.

Mrs. J. P. Kratz is the former Maude Martin of Newton and he was a cousin of Mrs. C. L. Doerr of this city.

Wounded Soldier Is Home

Private Thomas Ochs is spending a convalescent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ochs of Newton vicinity. He was wounded in the right leg by shrapnel in the vicinity of St. Lo last June and has been hospitalized ever since. A nerve was cut but the fibers are gradually growing back.

Mr. and Mrs. Ochs Sr. have two other sons in the Army, Wilmer and Urban Ochs, somewhere on the German border.

Awarded Air Medal

Mrs. E. T. Jansen of Newton has received some pictures of London from her husband, Lieutenant Jansen. He has successfully completed thirty-five missions with the Army Air Force and has been awarded the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.