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SOUTHERN TIER NEWS

Soldier Gives Life; 3 Wounded

An Elmira soldier has made the supreme sacrifice in the European action and three other servicemen from here have suffered wounds, the war casualty reports reveal this week.

Private Joseph R. Schrage died on Aug. 11 as a result of wounds received in action on Aug. 9. It is parents, Mr. And Mrs. Armand Schrage, 224 Gregg Street were notified by the War Department on Aug. 30, that their son had been wounded, and the following day they were notified of his death.

Private Schrage entered the service in December, 1942. He was sent overseas in October, 1943, and was stationed in England until June 6 when his company took part in the invasion of France.

Besides his parents, Private Schrage is survived by a sister, Margaret, at home, brothers Gerald also at home, George and Arnold with the armed forces in France and Bernard, who is in the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific.

A Requiem High Mass will be offered by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, for the repose of the soul of Private Schrage, in SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Sept. 7.

A graduate of SS. Peter and Paul's School and the Elmira Free Academy, Private Schrage was employed by the Doyle Armored Car Agency prior to his entry into the service.

Mrs. John J. Jeserski of 780 Hoffman Church Street has been notified by the War Department twice within four months that her husband, John J. Jeserski was wounded in action.

On July 11 he was wounded and was hospitalized for about two months. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries and went back into active service. Last Saturday Mrs. Jeserski received another telegram from the War Department stating that her husband had been wounded again and that his wounds were serious.

Private and Mrs. Jeserski are the parents of a son, Gary John, and his mother, Mrs. Agnes Roll, lives on Madison Avenue.

A former resident of Troy, Pa., he was educated in the Troy schools and after moving to Elmira was employed at the Eclipse Machine Division.

Private and Mrs. Jeserski are communicants at SS. Peter and Paul's Church.

Pfc. James H. Dandrea is recovering from wounds which he received in France on Aug. 2. He was evacuated to a hospital in England and remained there for about two months. As soon as his condition would permit him to travel he was returned to this country and is spending a thirty-day furlough at his home. When his furlough expires he will report to a hospital in Massachusetts for a check up and further treatment if necessary.

Pfc. Dandrea has been in the service since September, 1943. He spent three months training at Fort McClellan and Fort George Meade and was sent to England last January and took part in the invasion of France.

A graduate of St. Anthony's School and the Academy, Pfc. Dandrea was employed by the Thomas Truck Company before entering the service. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Dandrea, 920 Blowell Street, and a member of St. Anthony's Parish.

Another Elmiran spending a thirty-day furlough at his home as a result of injuries received in action is Pfc. Robert E. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Burns, 302 Fulton Street.

Pfc. Burns has been in the service since January, 1943, and has been overseas since May of this year. He received an injury to his leg on July 7 in France. He was hospitalized until a few weeks ago and arrived at his home on Monday, Nov. 13. He was graduated from St. Mary's School and the Catholic High and is a former employee of the A. and P. Tea Co. He is a member of St. Mary's

Awarded Star

DECORATED with the Army's Silver Star for aiding the wounded in France is the Rev. Jerome Healy, O.S.B., of Holy Cross Abbey, Canon City, Colo., and since September, 1943, an army chaplain.

Valid Consent

It is difficult to conceive that a sane person would marry an insane person and not know the mental condition of the latter. Total insanity would render a person incapable of giving valid consent to a contract. Partial insanity or lapse into insanity would not necessarily invalidate the marriage. If the insanity developed after the marriage, its validity could not be attacked on that ground.

Memorial Rite Set Sunday By Elmira K. of C. Unit

Memorial services will be held next Sunday at Columbus Center for members of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus, who have passed to their eternal reward during the past two years.

A ritualistic committee from the local Council will conduct these impressive services and will include the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, Chaplain; Grand Knight Eugene F. Agan; Deputy Grand Knight Thomas R. Burns and Chancellor David Vincent Sheehan.

The following Gold Star members of the Council will be remembered, Machinist Mate 2/c Edward J. Drake, Pfc. John F. Maroney, Seaman 2/c Paul J. Maney and Seaman 2/c Donald V. Rohel.

Other departed members of the Council include: Dr. Robert J. Lawlor, John J. Marinan, CVP John T. Watts, James F. Hennessy, Rev. John B. Stemmler, David Keeffe, Edward McManus, Dennis J. Reagan, J. Earl Bateman, Thomas E. Curran, Frederick F. Collins, Thomas J. Carrigan, Patrick C. Sullivan, Albert T. Driscoll, John J. Hanrahan, Timothy J. Sheehan, Michael Danaher, George E. Sheahan, William D. Hennessy and William A. Doran.

Unthinkable 50 Years Ago

Fifty years ago the majority of non-Catholic intellectuals regarded Catholicism with genial contempt, a moribund superstition which had no survival value. It would have been unthinkable in the nineteenth century that a Catholic should have been invited, as Dr. Gilson was invited in 1936, to lecture on scholastic philosophy in Harvard. Even more startling was the alliance between a Protestant president and a Jew, who is not a Catholic, to promote a course in Catholic philosophy at Chicago University.—Arnold Lunn.

A pint of your blood can save the life of a lad who was wounded fighting for you.

Hornell Navy Officer Reported as Missing

HORNELL — Lieut. Thomas A. Kelly, son of Mrs. Joseph Kelly of 29 Taylor Street, is missing in action in the Pacific war theater, according to word received last Thursday from the U. S. Navy Department by his wife, Mrs. Thomas A. Kelly of Coronado, Calif.

He is a former parishioner of St. Ignatius of Loyola parish here.

Lieutenant Kelly was graduated from Hornell High School and Alfred University. Following his graduation from Midshipman School at Northwestern University in 1940, he was assigned to the communication department on a battleship. He served on convoys to Murmansk, Russia, Malta, Australia and the invasion of Casablanca.

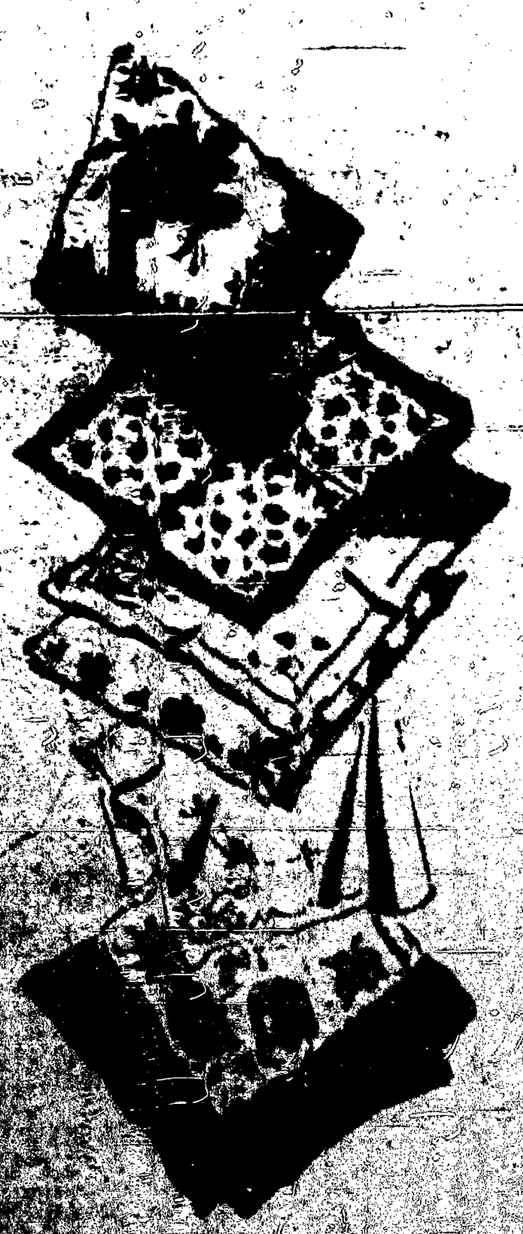
A year ago, he was transferred to the Pacific Fleet and assigned to duty as communications officer on a carrier.

Lieutenant Kelly, who is 27 years old, has a brother, Capt. Joseph Kelly, serving with the U. S. Army in Hawaii and a sister, Corp. Mary A. Kelly, stationed with the WAC in Indiana.

Life's Greatest Aim

The greatest and most important objective man can live for is to die in peace with himself, knowing that he has lived his life to the best of his ability, according to the desire of the Creator, the One, Who will judge him on the entrance into his real life of eternity. Right Rev. Msgr. Peter Wynhoven (recently deceased).

Little Gifts Count at Christmas!



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