

3 Elmira Area Youths Give Lives in Action

Two boys from St. Anthony's Parish and one from St. Patrick's Parish have given their lives in action, according to word received by their families recently.

The War Department has informed Mrs. Ursula Pond, 362 Magee Street, that her husband, Pfc. Ernest J. Pond, previously listed as missing, was killed in action Dec. 12.

Pfc. Pond entered the service in December 1942. After training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and Ft. Benning, Ga., he was sent overseas in November 1944 and saw action in Belgium and Germany. He was graduated from St. Anthony's School and the Catholic High and attended St. Andrews Seminary and was employed at Hardinge Brothers before he entered the service.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Holy Name Society and Elmira Council Knights of Columbus. He was an accomplished musician and played piano in various local orchestras.

Pfc. Pond was the son of Mrs. Lucy Pond, 1122 N. Main St., and the late Charles Pond. In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by a son, Philip, aged 14 months; two sisters, Mrs. Anthony Cebro and Mrs. John Fresh; three brothers, Albert, Lawrence and Charles, all of Elmira. A Solemn High Memorial Mass will be offered for Pfc. Pond on Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

Another boy from St. Anthony's Parish has given his life in the service. Tech. Sgt. Henry R. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Brown, 1010 Magee Street, who has been listed as missing since November 1943, has now been listed as killed in action. The War Department notified his parents on Dec. 18, that everything possible

has been done to trace him and the Department now presumes him to be officially dead.

Sgt. Brown was a Radio Gunner on a Flying Fortress which was reported to have crashed in the Mediterranean on Nov. 18, 1943; and the entire crew has since been listed as missing.

Sgt. Brown was graduated from Number Ten School and attended the Academy. He was employed by the Star Gazette and the Sunday Telegram before he entered the service.

Besides his parents, Sgt. Brown leaves three brothers, Ed, Mark in Belgium, Pvt. Randolph at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Joseph at home. Six sisters also survive, Mrs. Americo Barnabei, Mrs. Matthew Daddona, Mrs. Anthony Fabrizio, Mrs. Clarence Denne and the Misses Carolyn and Josephine Bruno, all of Elmira.

A Solemn High Mass will be offered in St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday, Jan. 9, with the Reverend Adelbert S. Simasetti as celebrant.

Word has also been received by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kilmer, 303 West Gray Street, that their son, Flight Officer Joseph L. Kilmer, 21, was killed in action over England on Dec. 23.

Navigator on a B-17 Bomber, F.O. Kilmer has been in the Army Air Corps since February 1942. He attended Gunnery School at Bremerton Field and then transferred to Selman Field, La., for his training in navigation. He was sent overseas in November and has been based in England.

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Sodality Lists Navy Chaplain For Banquet

The annual banquet of the Society of the Lady St. Patrick's Church will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 12, at the Marlboro Hotel.

The speaker for the occasion will be the former Moderator of the Society, Rev. Francis J. Peppin, Navy Chaplain, who is home on furlough after seeing service for the past eight months in the South Pacific area.

Chaplain Peppin is a former assistant at St. Patrick's church and during his stay in Elmira is the guest of the Rev. William J. Brink.

The following committee has been announced to handle details of the banquet: General Chairman, Mrs. Marvin E. Johnson; Tickets, Miss Margaret Hercheakel and Miss Helen McGrath; Decorations, Mrs. Clement J. Knuth; Music and program, Mrs. Frances Lynch.

It is important that reservations be made in order to be certain of seating space. All those planning on attending should call the chairman of the ticket committee by January 17 or sooner. Miss McGrath can be reached at 7724 and Miss Hercheakel at 2-4784.

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Besides his parents, F.O. Kilmer is survived by his wife and a two month old daughter, Jacqueline.

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Corning Sergeant Dies, Army Pilot Missing

CORNING: An Army sergeant from this deanery is reported killed in action in Germany and an Army pilot is missing in action somewhere in Germany, the War Casualty news announces this week.

Sgt. Malone C. McLaughlin, who was serving with a light tank division somewhere in Germany, has been reported killed in action in a telegram from the War Department to his sister, Mrs. Alice Frost, of Painted Post, N.Y. 2, on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The telegram was a follow-up of one received by Mrs. Frost a few days previously which listed the sergeant as missing.

The young man was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William T. McLaughlin, former Hornby residents. He entered the service in April, 1942, and was sent overseas in August of that year. He took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

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