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Hornell Army Pilot Gives Life in Belgium Action

HORNELL—Previously reported missing in action, Lieut. J. Didas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo N. Didas, 15 Allen St., was killed in action over Belgium, Jan. 2. This information was received by his parents from the U. S. War Department. He was 22 years of age.

Lieutenant Didas was graduated from St. Ann's School, Hornell High School and Rochester Business Institute. Entering the Air Corps February, 1942, he trained at Nashville, Tenn., Georgia and Alabama and was commissioned a second Lieutenant at Jacksonville, Fla.

He went overseas in August, 1944, and was stationed in France where he was a fighter pilot on a Thunderbolt.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mary Agnes and Peggy Didas at home and Gertrude Didas of Rochester, a grandmother Mrs. Fred Wood, of Hornell.

Grand Knights' night has been opened from March 15 to April 1. It was announced by the planning committee. Clement Murphy and Paul Tammare are cochairmen of this group. The activities committee reported that shuffleboard, badminton,iards, euchre, 886, volleyball and dart tournaments are to start soon. Grand Knight John Smith stated that plans for a spring membership campaign are under way with Colton Mark as chairman.

Visitors Hear from Son
HORNELL—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lawson, 18 McDougall Avenue, have received the first communication from their son, Pfc. Elmo Lawson, since he has been prisoner of the Germans. The card, written from the camp, is a short message and said that was well.

Private Lawson was reported missing in action in Germany Dec. 21 and the family received word that he was a prisoner on March 1.

Speaks to P.T.A.

ITHACA—Mrs. Laura Lee Duskin will be guest speaker at the P. T. A. meeting this week. The subject will be "Rationing In These Times and Common Sense."

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I Dies, 3 Wounded in War Areas

One Elmiran has given his life and three have been reported injured, according to word received by their families during the past week.

Mrs. Catherine Gotola of 553 Grove Street, has been informed by the War Department that her husband, Seaman 1/c Nicholas Gotola, 28, died on March 6, as a result of drowning. The information was received by telegram and stated that Seaman Gotola's body had been recovered and was buried in a Cemetery outside the United States.

Seaman Gotola had notified his family that he expected to leave for overseas duty late in February, but had been assigned to an LST boat and Mrs. Gotola recently received a letter from him, bearing a Box 185, Gloucester Post Office address. The letter was postmarked March 8, the day on which the War Department stated he met his death.

Seaman Gotola had been in the Navy since February, 1944. He received his training at Key West and Camp Perry in Florida and at Norfolk, Va., and was on his first sea trip, when he lost his life.

A graduate of St. Anthony's School Seaman Gotola attended the Academy and was employed at the Delano Dry Cleaners before he entered the service. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's Church where a Requiem High Mass will be offered for him on Friday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m.

Besides his wife, Seaman Gotola is survived by two children, Donald, age 8, and Melba, age 5, his mother, Mrs. Mary Gotola, 66 Magee Street, and several sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Margaret Dombrowski of 769 East Church Street has been informed that her husband, T/S Joseph F. Dombrowski, was wounded in action on Iwo Jima, January 24.

He entered the service in November, 1942, and was with a Tank Battalion. He received his training at Camp Chaffee, Ark., and Camp Howze, Tex., and went overseas in July 1944. A graduate of St. Cecilia's School and the Academy.

ITHACA—Members of the Immaculate Conception Parish responded commendably to the Aid To Italy campaign during the week of March 4, when over two thousand cans of food

city. Identification tags were worn by the boys so that each donor might be assured that the collection was used.

The State of Italy answered the appeal with a contribution of one hundred dollars.

The Catholic Boys League, forty-two pupils of the Immaculate Conception School, visited all of the Catholic houses throughout the city.

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