

# Two Blair Men Killed, Four Listed Missing in Action

Two Blair county men were reported killed in action and four were listed as missing during the German offensive of the past few weeks.

**Pfc. Leonard G. Sharbaugh**, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Sharbaugh, 2006 Thirteenth avenue, was reported killed December 21 in Belgium.

**Pfc. Benjamin Hartley Hewit**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Hewit, 719 Allegheny street, Hollidaysburg, died December 31 of wounds received in action in Belgium.

**Pfc. Bernard P. Mallon**, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Mallon, 3166 Walnut avenue, is listed as missing since December 20 in Luxembourg.

**Pfc. Frank J. Caso**, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caso, 1417 Walton avenue, is listed as missing since December 17 in Belgium.

**Cpl. Samuel H. Dickson**, 22, son of Mrs. Mary Dickson, 1804 Seventh avenue, is listed as missing since December 20 in Luxembourg.

**Pfc. Hayden R. Walk**, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walk, 221 East Twelfth street, Tyrone, is listed as missing in Germany since December 21.

Pfc. Sharbaugh was reported killed in action December 21, 1944, in Belgium according to a telegram received Sunday by his parents.

An honor student, Pfc. Sharbaugh, born August 20, 1924, graduated from the Altoona Catholic High school, class of 1942 and was attending Drexel Institute when he entered the service April 13, 1943. From New Cumberland, he was assigned to a tank destroyer division at Camp Hood where he also attended radio school. Selected

for ASTP, he was enrolled at Louisiana State university until program was canceled, transferring then to the infantry, with which he was serving in Belgium.

Leaving the states last October Pfc. Sharbaugh immediately went into action on the front lines of the continent.

Leonard was a Tribune carrier for several years.

In addition to his parents, there are two brothers, and two sisters at home; Raymond, Ronald, Marjorie and Dolores.

Pfc. Hewit, died December 31 of wounds received in action somewhere in Belgium, where he was serving with Hodges 1st army, according to a telegram received at the parental home.

A grandson of the late Oliver H. Hewit, eminent lawyer of Blair county at one time, Benjamin, in civilian life, accepted a bronze tablet from the former comrades of an uncle, Capt. Benjamin Hartley Hewit, his namesake, who was killed in the Argonne forest September 29, 1918. After 20 years the remaining members of his uncle's battalion presented the tablet which now hangs in the First Presbyterian church of Hollidaysburg in token of their esteem for a great leader who added much in the march toward victory.

Born December 13, 1921, Pfc. Hewit enlisted in the army August 19, 1942, in Pittsburg, being sent to New Cumberland May 8, 1943. He had been graduated from Washington and Jefferson college April 24. He trained with the air forces at Miami Beach, Fla., and in August of 1943 was sent to radio school at Sioux Falls, S. D., then enrolled in the

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