

PFC William E. Sheets

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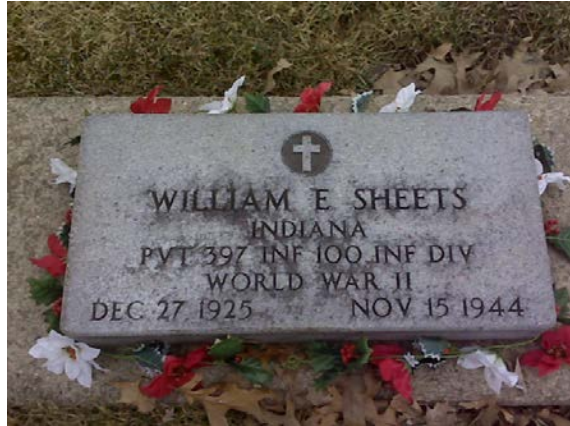


Photo by Lee Sheets who notes that Billy died during the D-Day invasion in France

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DECATUR, BERNE SOLDIERS ARE REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION

A Decatur soldier and a Berne turret gunner on a bomber are reported missing in action over France and Germany, respectively.

Pvt. William E. Sheets, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Sheets, 919 Winchester street, is reported missing in action in France since November 15, the war department has notified the parents.

The Decatur infantryman entered the army last March and went overseas in October. The young man attended the Monroeville high school before entering the armed forces.

The telegram did not divulge the sector in which the soldier was fighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheets have another son in France. He is T/5 Robert Sheets, attached to the field artillery, and has been overseas for sometime. <snip>

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PFC. WILLIAM SHEETS KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE NOV. 15

Pfc. William E. Sheets, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Sheets, 919 Winchester street, was killed in action in France on November 15, the parents were advised by the war department yesterday.

A week ago today the parents received a message from the war department informing them that their son was missing in action. Their hopes of his survival were shattered with the death message received Sunday.

The Decatur soldier was in France about one month, going overseas last October. He entered the army last March and took training at Camp Fannin, Tex., and Fort Bragg, N. C. Prior to entering the

armed forces he was employed at the Schafer Wholesale company in this city. He attended the Monroeville high school.

A brother, T/5 Robert Sheets, is with the United States army in France.

Surviving besides the parents and the brother in France, are Mrs. Kathryn Warres, a sister; Richard, Buddie, Betty, Elizabeth and Glenn, at home.

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