

## Decatur Soldier Is Killed in Belgium

Mrs. Euriel Gase, of Decatur, was notified Friday by the war department of the death of her son, Cpl. Robert M. Barnthouse, 24, killed in action Jan. 21 in Belgium while serving with the American army forces.

He was born in Bluffton June 6, 1921, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnthouse. He was graduated from the Bluffton high school in the class of 1939.

After entering service on Oct. 7, 1941, he took his basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex., and from there was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga. He was at Fort Bragg, N. C., for a time before being sent overseas on May 30, 1942.

Surviving is a sister, Imogene, at home.

## **Berne Witness, Adams County, IN; February 12, 1945**

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### MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR CPL. BARNTHOUSE

Memorial services for Cpl. Robert Barnthouse, 24, son of Mrs. Otto Gase, of Decatur, who was killed in action in Belgium Jan. 21 will be held Sunday afternoon April 8 at 2:30 at the Epworth Methodist church, with Rev. Wayne Piety officiating.

Cpl. Barnthouse was born in this city June 6, 1920 and was graduated from the Bluffton high school prior to entering the army in October, 1941. He was reported missing in North Africa in September, 1943 and later returned to his base. He was wounded in action on Aug. 13, 1944. He had participated in campaigns in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France and Belgium.

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