

## MERLIN W. BILLMAN IS KILLED IN ACTION

Former Geneva Lad Killed in Pacific

Merlin Wallace Billman, seaman first class, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Flavius E. Billman, who formerly resided at Geneva, is reported on the navy department casualty lists as having been killed in action.

The Billman family, who moved this spring to Ridgeville, received the notification recently, although no details of their son's death were included in the navy message.

The young sailor had been in service since his 18th birthday, and has been in the Pacific war theater more than two years, going into action immediately after concluding his boot training.

The sailor's death is the second war casualty in the Billman family. Another son, T/5 Leroy H. Billman, died in a hospital in England on January 20 of wounds suffered in action in Belgium 11 days earlier. He was with a paratroop unit.

Surviving in addition to the parents are several brothers and sisters, all at home.

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Buried: Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Honolulu County; Hawaii, USA,  
Plot: Courts of the Missing



HONOLULU MEMORIAL  
(aka Courts of the Missing)  
World War II

SHIP'S SERVICE MAN 2C	BIGLEY RAYMOND A	USNR	OHIO
AVN MACHINIST'S MATE 2C	BIGOS JOSEPH J	USN	MICHIGAN
RADIOMAN IC	BIGUSIAK WALTER P	USN	NEW YORK
COXSWAIN	BIGWOOD WILLIAM C	USNR	NEW JERSEY
SEAMAN IC	BILLER TOBIAS R	USNR	OKLAHOMA
LIEUTENANT(JG)	BILLINGS WILLIAM B	USNR	INDIANA
SEAMAN IC	BILLMAN MERLIN W	USNR	INDIANA
GUNNER'S MATE 3C	BILLS IVAN L	USNR	UTAH
MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE 2C	BILLY MICHAEL	USN	N J
LIEUTENANT	BINA EDWIN J	USNR	OHIO
YEOMAN IC	BINGAMAN MARK D	USNR	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SEAMAN 2C	BINNING GEORGE H	USN	CALIFORNIA
LIEUTENANT	BINSFIELD RENE	USNR	MICHIGAN
COXSWAIN	BIRCH CHARLES F	USNR	INDIANA