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SGT. BUD METZGER IS KILLED IN ACTION WITH ARMY IN GERMANY

Sgt. Edward J. (Bud) Metzger, 32, son of Mrs. Marie Anderson, 317 North Ninth street, was killed in action in Germany on Feb. 21, in General Patton's drive to the Rhine, the war department has notified the mother.

Sgt. Metzger served with the mechanized cavalry. He was attached to the 101st company of the 25th armored tank division. Third army, which in the past three weeks has blazed its way across Belgium and part of Germany to the Rhine river. Entering the army on April 4, 1942, took basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Atterbury and for a time was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Accompanying picture was taken at Fort Riley when he was being trained for the cavalry later switching to the mechanized and armored outfits. He went overseas last August, landing in France and moved southwestward with the Third army.



Sgt. Metzger attended the Decatur Catholic school and was employed at the General Electric plant prior to joining the armed forces. He was born in Decatur, July 28, 1912.

Besides his mother, he is survived by three brothers, Sgt. John Anderson of the army air corps, stationed in Italy; Pfc. Robert Anderson stationed in France, and Thomas, at home. An aunt, Mrs. William Kruse of Decatur route two, also survives.

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SGT. BUD METZGER DIED AIDING BUDDY

Captain of Company Writes To Mother

Sgt. Edward J. (Bud) Metzger, son of Mrs. Marie Anderson, 317 North Ninth street, was killed in Germany on Feb. 21, as he went to aid a wounded comrade, Capt. Keith J. Andson, commanding officer of the company to which Sgt. Metzger was attached, has informed the mother.

"He gave his life for another, and there is no way one can express appropriate tribute to men such as that," the captain wrote.

In praise of Sgt. Metzger's high character and service to his county, Capt. Anderson, wrote the following excellent letter from somewhere in Germany, dated March 13.

"There is little that I can say to aid you in your time of sorrow over the death of your son, Tech. 4 Edward J. Metzger. The loss to the troops is great, for Sgt. Metzger held an important place, both in the esteem of the men and in the efficiency of the troops. Your son was tied closely to the members of this organization with a deep, firm bond of respect and friendship, which is peculiar to men who work, play and fight together in complete trust and accord. The friendships thus forged in fire are one of the few fine things to come out of war, and your son enjoyed many of them.

"As with many good soldiers, Sgt. Metzger was killed while going to the aid of a wounded comrade. He gave his life for another, and there is no way one can express appropriate tribute to men such as that.

"Sgt. Metzger was killed in action in Western Germany on Feb. 21, 1945. He was buried in an American military cemetery in the Duchy of Luxemburg. Services were held by a Catholic chaplain.

"I can assure you that Sgt. Metzger will always hold a place in the memories of those with whom he fought. Because we, too, feel his loss so keenly, we can realize something of your own great loss. We extend our deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

"The price we are paying in this war seems tremendous at times, but I can assure you that what we see of the countries and people over here makes it seem worth while at any price. The conditions over here must not and will not ever be duplicated in our country.

"I hope that you can come to feel as I do, that the terrible price we are paying over here is worthwhile and necessary, so that we may keep our country the same as it is now for the future generations. I know that Sgt. Metzger felt this way.

"Sincerely yours,

"Keith J. Anderson, Capt., Tr. "D", 90th Cav. Ren. Sq., Commanding."

Both contributed by Karin King

Buried: Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, Hamm, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

