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PFC. EARL E. SUMAN, ONE OF SIX BROTHERS IN WAR, REPORTED DEAD

The sextet of Suman brothers, all of whom are serving their country in the armed forces overseas has been broken with the death of Pfc. Earl E. Suman, 23, who, the war department informed the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suman, Sr., of Decatur route six, died on October 16.

The Decatur infantryman was first reported missing in action in France on September 18. On October 13, the war department notified the parents that their son was a prisoner of war.

Last night's message did not give details as to his death, or explain if he had died from wounds previously received. One supposition is that the young soldier was reported missing and that the final check up at the battle front later proved that he had been killed in action.

Pfc. Suman was a member of General Patton's third army and was attached to the 319th infantry. The designation of his company was not learned.

Pfc. Suman entered the army in July, 1942. He took basic training at Camp Forest, Tenn., and went overseas last July.

Two of his five brothers have been wounded in action. They are, Pfc. Gordon C. Suman, of the U. S. marines, wounded on Saipan in the Pacific, on July 31; Pvt. Kenneth Suman, of the army, wounded twice in action, and now at the front again; Pfc. Walter E. Suman and Cpl. Harry Suman, Jr., both in France, and Pvt. Otho Suman, a marine serving in the South Pacific.

Of any family in the county, the Suman brothers had the distinction of being the only group of six serving in the armed forces.

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Buried: Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial, Saint-Avold, Departement de la Moselle, Lorraine, France

