

Wednesday, August 12, 1942

Paul Sauerwein Believed Held as Jap Prisoner

Former Local Youth is Missing in Action in Philippines

Paul Sauerwein, 25, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. H. Sauerwein of Plymouth and formerly of this place, is reported missing in action following the surrender of Bataan and Corrigedor in the Philippines, according to official notification received from Washington by his parents last Sunday. The information was received here from Paul's parents, who visited with friends here yesterday and today.

It is presumed that Paul is a prisoner of war and held with other American and British men by the Japanese. Mr. Sauerwein was a member of the United States Air Force as a ground mechanic, having enlisted into the service three years ago next October. He trained at March Field, California and was transferred to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was sent to the Philippines last fall.

Paul is believed to have gone through the battle of Bataan. Following the fall of which many of the American men succeeded in getting to Corrigedor, but it is not known if Mr. Sauerwein was included among those fleeing to the latter place, which capitulated some days after Bataan.

The last direct words the parents received from Paul was at Christmas last year, when he sent greetings by cablegram and stated that he was ok. The surrender of the Philippines took place in May and last Sunday was the first information Rev. and Mrs. Sauerwein had about their son.

The Sauerwein family moved from Berne to Plymouth thirteen years ago, Rev. Sauerwein having served the Cross Reformed Church here as pastor.

Paul Sauerwein attended the Berne Schools and is well remembered by most local people. He was engaged to be married last November but was sent abroad shortly before his wedding date.

According to government regulations, Paul will be listed as missing until one year is up. If in the meantime no further word is heard from him, he will then be listed as lost. Sauerwein carried the rating of a first class private.

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Monday, February 8, 1943

Paul Sauerwein is Among 1,036 U.S. Jap Prisoners

According to a Washington dispatch, the war department Sunday made public the names of 1,036 American soldiers who are held as war prisoners by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands. The names of fifteen Indiana men are on the list; among them is the name of Sergt. Paul H. Sauerwein, formerly of Berne and later of Plymouth.

The list includes 164 officers, 45 warrant officers and 825 enlisted men of the Army and two officers of the Army Nurse Corps.

Sergt. Sauerwein is a son of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. H. Sauerwein, who now reside in Portland, Oregon. While in Berne, Rev. Sauerwein was pastor of the Cross Reformed Church here. It had been announced on previous occasions that Paul was a Japanese prisoner, but it was not known how many other Americans were taken prisoners with him.

None of the Hoosiers are from this immediate area. One Staff Sergt. Charles H. Hubbard is from Hartford City. Two of the men are from Wabash.

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Wednesday, January 27, 1943

Decatur Lady Has Five Sons in Service, Sixth is Ready

Five in the service and one to go – that is the record of the sons of Mrs. Cora Lough, of this city. With the enlistment of two more sons in the merchant marines this week, Mrs. Lough can now tell the world that five of her boys are carrying on Uncle Sam’s fight to preserve democracy.

Roy F. – the eldest of the five – and James W. Lough successfully passed merchant marine examinations at Indianapolis, where they were forwarded Tuesday, after enlisting in Fort Wayne.

They returned home to await call to active duty.

Pvt. Everett Lough, known to his friends as “speed” is now located “somewhere in England.”

The sixth son, Eugene, is a junior at Decatur junior-senior high school, where he plays basketball on the reserve team. At 17, he is now “talking about joining the navy.” Giving the family a full quota of enlistments.

Mrs. Lough has five daughters to “keep her company” while the boys are going. Her husband lost his life some time ago in an accident at the city light and power plant, where he was employed.

Mrs. Lough’s record of having five sons in service, it is believed equals the record of the only other lady to have that happen (cut off).

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