

Wednesday, April 8, 1942

Roman Sprunger Writes Aboard Ship to Relatives Here

Relatives of Pvt. Roman Sprunger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sprunger of Berne, received postal cards from him this week, written on March 10, aboard ship. Roman wrote that he had been on the ship one week at that time and that the weather was growing warmer, which evidently indicates that he was heading south or southwest.

He appeared to be in good spirits.

It took nearly a month for the card to get here and by this time Pvt. Sprunger is believed to be thousands of miles away possibly in the far South Pacific.

Wednesday, March 18, 1942

John Hendricks Dies Tuesday at Farm Residence

Funeral Friday for Well-Known Farmer Who Dies at Age of 63

John A. Hendricks, 63, a resident and farmer of this community most of his life, died at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his home in Kirkland Township, eight miles west and one mile south of Decatur. Mr. Hendricks had moved there last March after living in Wabash Township south of Berne for many years. Death was caused by heart trouble, dropsy and complications. He had been seriously ill for five months and bedfast for several weeks.

Mr. Hendricks was born in Wabash Township, December 14, 1879, a son of Joseph and Sarah Drake Hendricks. He was married to Elizabeth Topp on November 8, 1899.

Surviving are the widow; six daughters, Mrs. Alice Murphy of Bryant, Mrs. Mary Affolder, Mrs. Pearl Ray and Mrs. Cora McFarland all of Decatur, Mrs. Josephine Hendricks of Dayton, Ohio and Sarah, at home, and five sons, Joe of Portland, Charles of Berne and Richard, Elmer and Herman, all at home.

Eighteen grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

A son, James, preceded. He was killed a few years ago when he broke his neck while diving in the Sullivan Pit east of town. Two brothers and two sisters also preceded. They are Theodore, Alfred, Mrs. Clara Gause and Mrs. A. J. Myers.

The body will be returned to the home this evening from the Yager Mortuary. Friday morning it will be returned to the L. L. Yager Funeral Home on South Fulton Street where funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Wm. Schaeffer, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church will officiate and burial will be in the Studabaker Cemetery south of Berne.

The body can be viewed at the Yager Home Friday forenoon.

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