

# FLEED KILLED; TWO MEN FROM 106TH MISSING

**Sgt. William Thompson, Son of Draft Board Chairman, Slain.**

**PVT. BASIL KING IS LOST**

**Capt. J. R. Chitwood, Husband of Local Girl, Also Unreported.**

A son of the chairman of the Bartholomew county Selective service board was listed as killed in action in a War department telegram received today, while other telegrams were received here reporting two members of the 106th Infantry division, formerly at Camp Atterbury, were missing in action in Germany.

Listed as killed was: Staff Sgt. James William Thompson, 18-year-old tall gunner on a B-17 flying fortress with the Fifteenth Air force in Italy, was killed in action Dec. 29 in Italy, according to a War department telegram received this morning by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Thompson of Route 1, Bartholomew county. Selective service board and he manager of Production Credit corporation here.

Sergeant Thompson became the 28th Bartholomew county service man to be listed as killed in action in World War II.

His parents recently received a letter from him written on Dec. 29, the day on which his death occurred, according to the War department. His parents also had learned that on Dec. 11 he completed a total of 23 missions and they were hoping to hear that he had completed his time and would be coming home soon.

**First Mission Over Genoa.**

Sergeant Thompson enlisted in the Army Air force in November, 1942, and was inducted as an air cadet. He flew his first combat mission over railroad yards in Genoa, Italy, last Sept. 4. He was awarded the Air medal and received several clusters to the Air medal. His unit also had received a Presidential citation.

He was serving in the same bombardment group as Sgt. Russell Kirtz of this city, an engine gunner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have another son, John Thompson, 21, who is serving in the Navy as a motor machinist's mate. At last reports he was on the Pacific coast and it was not known whether or not he had sailed.

Grandparents of Sergeant Thompson are Mrs. John M. Thompson of 808 Washington street and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Marr of Route 4.

C. H. R. Graduate in 1942.

Sergeant Thompson was graduated from Columbus high school in the spring of 1943. He applied for Air corps enlistment the following fall and was sworn in Nov. 24, 1943. He started training on Dec. 15 and early in 1944 was assigned to a cadet class at Kingsman base. He received going overseas, May 1, and was stationed at Ardmore, Okla., and at Lincoln, Neb.

Sergeant Thompson was active in debating while in school and was a member of Christian church.

**Basil King Missing.**

Private King enlisted with the 106th Infantry division in Germany since Dec. 11, according to word received from the War department by Mrs. Bonnie Tucker, Chestnut street.

Mrs. Tucker received a letter Jan. 2 from her son, dated on Dec. 31, two days before the German count down, which is believed to have been thrown against the 106th Division front. In that letter he wrote he was well. It had been the first since a letter written Oct. 29, 1944, in Bartholomew county Selective service board. He was studying at Indiana engineering corporation.

He was sent to Fort Meade, Md., and then spent a year with a field artillery unit returning to the United States he volunteered for transfer to the 106th Division, then at Camp Atterbury, where he was stationed at Fort Ellis, Md., since then.

Mrs. Tucker has an infant son in service, Sgt. Raymond King, who is stationed with an infantry unit at Ballina, Kansas.

**Captain Chitwood.**

Mrs. Allison Newcom, Capt. Chitwood's wife, received a War department message Thursday morning, her husband, Capt. J. R. Chitwood, 28, an officer of the 106th Infantry, has been reported missing in Germany.

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He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrill Newcom of the city. She is employed at Atterbury air field.

She and Captain Chitwood were married last summer and he was stationed at Camp Atterbury.

The last letter received from him was written Nov. 27 while he was still in Germany.

**DEATH CLAIMS WILLIS NEWCOM**

Willis Newcom, son of this city, died Wednesday night in Indianapolis, according to word received by local relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the Tolen funeral home in Indianapolis and burial will be made in the Springdale cemetery at Elizabethtown.

Local survivors include two nephews, Joda G. Newcom and Chester Newcom.

**MINOR WRECK IS REPORTED**

Minor damage to two automobiles collided Thursday night at Eighth and 10th streets. The cars were driven by William Wadell, 213 Myrtle street, and Denver Wilson of Route 4.

One on the streets was blamed for the accident. City police investigated.

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