

**HUSBAND WITH 106TH MISSING, WIFE INFORMED**

**Staff Sgt. George Thomas Unreported Since Start of Nazi Drive.**

**LT. GOODRICH IS KILLED**

**Soldier Formerly at Atterbury Dies in Action With 'First.'**

Another member of the 106th Infantry division whose wife resides here has been listed as missing in action. He is Staff Sgt. George Thomas, 27, husband of Mrs. Margaret Thomas, 728 Brown street.

Mrs. Thomas is assistant manager of Post exchange No. 8 at Camp Atterbury.

A War Department telegram reporting that Sergeant Thomas had been missing in action in Germany since Dec. 16 was received Friday by Mrs. Thomas. The date coincides with opening of the German offensive in the Ardennes.

Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas home is at Rockford, Ill., and his mother, Mrs. Laura Thomas, resides there. He and his wife came to Columbus last April when the 106th Division moved to Camp Atterbury for training. Mrs. Thomas resides in a trailer at the Eighth and Brown streets trailer camp.

Sergeant Thomas has been in the Army for six years and was serving as assistant regimental supply sergeant with the 42nd Infantry regiment.

**Lt. Goodrich Killed.**

First Lt. Joseph E. Goodrich, III, formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury, was killed in action in Germany Nov. 22, according to word received by Miss Dorothy Stuchschewski of 624 Fifth street. He was serving with the famed First division.

Word of his death was sent here by an aunt of Lieutenant Goodrich. His mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Goodrich, II, resides at Columbus, Ohio.

Lieutenant Goodrich was well known in Columbus and last June 30 The Evening Republican published a letter he had written to Mrs. P. C. Nunn, east of Columbus, after taking part in the Normandy invasion. He met Mrs. Nunn while she was serving at the First U. S. O. center here.

**Words From 'Hottest Spot'**

The letter was datelined "Invasion day from the hottest spot in the world."

Miss Stuchschewski had been receiving letters from him and the last was dated Nov. 20.

Lieutenant Goodrich was 25 years old. He was stationed at Camp Atterbury from July to November of 1942, serving with the 1560th Service unit at the time he was selected for officer training. He received his commission at Fort Benning, Ga., on Feb. 6, 1943, and was sent overseas the following month.

He took part in the North African and Sicilian campaigns as a member of the First division and was wounded in Sicily. He was related to the Goodrich tire family.

Sergeant Thomas brought to three the number of men in the 106th reported as missing in action in telegrams received here Thursday night and Friday.

**Pfc. Irving L. Sablosky, 20,** of Indianapolis, also a member of the 106th, was reported missing in action in a telegram received Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Sablosky of 2140 North Meridian street, Indianapolis. He was the first Indianapolis casualty reported from the 106th. He was a member of the heavy weapons section and has been missing since Dec. 16.

The 106th Division is believed to have been one of the first American divisions to receive the force of the German offensive and, according to German claims, many of the men now listed as missing probably will be reported later as having been taken prisoners.

Letters received from members of the division also indicate that in the confusion of the attack many of the men lost contact with their units. After there is a lull in present fighting they may rejoin their units.

Eugene Brown, reported missing

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