

**FRED L. GRAHAM IS KILLED WITH GLIDER TROOPS**

Local Airborne Infantryman Dies in Action in Belgium.

**JESSE BAKER MISSING**  
Wife at Walesboro Received Message—Other Casualties Reported.

Private Fred L. Graham, 36, a glider infantryman in the 17th Airborne Division, was killed in action in Belgium, according to a War department telegram received Tuesday night by his mother, Mrs. Olive Graham, 3329 Tenth street.

Born at Hope, Private Graham attended the rural school near his home west of Columbus and then at and was employed at Golden Foundry when he entered the Army in April, 1943. His father, Earl Graham, an employe of the Western Coal company, died of a heart attack in November, 1941.

Private Graham's last letter to be received by his mother was written Dec. 20 in France. It said:

**Last Letter Quoted**  
"Dear Mother: I am just writing a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine. Hope you are the same. How is everything at home? O. K. I hope I can do nice for you and my mother. How are all the kids? I hope you have a good Christmas. I love home and I had a fair one. Tell everybody hello. I sure would like to see them all. Love you all. I will be home by the time Mother. Love from your son to all. Fred's."

After Private Graham was injured, he was landed at Camp Meuse, P. O. and Camp Poperinghe, before going overseas last August. In the course of his training for the airborne forces, he received injuries in a parachute test but none important and he remained in his glider infantry unit. He was born Dec. 24, 1908, at Hope, near which the family moved to Columbus, then to the farm where he was reared. He attended the First Methodist church.

Surviving are the mother; two brothers, Jimmy, 32, and Robert, 28, at 1117 N. 11th St., Columbus, Ind.; and a grandmother, Mrs. Frances Graham of Indianapolis.

**Jesse Baker Missing**  
Pvt. Jesse Thomas Baker has been reported missing in action since Jan. 20 in Belgium, according to a War department message received Tuesday night by his wife, Margaret, of Columbus.

In the last letter received from him by his wife, he said "Don't worry about me. I'll be back."

The letter was written Dec. 20.

Pvt. Baker was with the 8th Army of the 10th Division. He attended the service Dec. 8, 1943, at the 10th Division, 10th and went overseas July 6.

Before entering the service he was employed at Columbus Electric and was married to Margaret in 1935. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker, reside on 19th St.

**Bushard Reported Missing**  
No further confirmation has been received by Mrs. Dorothy Bushard, 1111 N. 10th St., Columbus, since a War department telegram last week that her husband, Cpl. Robert H. Bushard, 21, of Chicago, an Army paratrooper, had been killed in action in Belgium, Jan. 7.

Colonel Bushard was a son of Mrs. Helen Bushard of New Washington, and his wife has been residing here until recently at Columbus Electric company.

He entered service Nov. 17, 1942, at Madison and had been overseas since April, 1943. Before entering the service he was employed at Dupont.

The War department telegram said that a letter would follow.

**Robert D. Clegg Wounded**  
Pvt. Robert Dean Clegg, 19-year-old Jackson, in General Patton's Army, was slightly wounded in action in Belgium Jan. 18, according to a War department telegram received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clegg of 238 LaVette street.

Private Clegg is in service since September, 1943, has been serving with the Sixth Armored Division.

The last letter received from him by his parents was written Dec. 21. He went overseas last spring and was in England, France and Germany before going into Belgium, where his division attacked the German bridge.

The War department telegram stated that the hospital address and other details would be sent as soon as they were available. Mrs. Clegg is a nurse in the 10th Airborne Division before entering service and took her rank training at Fort Benning.

**Not Wounded After All**  
One day after receiving a War department telegram that her 19-year-old husband was seriously wounded in action, Mrs. Kay Logan received a letter from him today, reporting that he had been wounded and awarded the Purple Heart, but had regained his feet.

His is Lt. Robert G. Logan of the 64th Tank company of the 100th Division. Mrs. Logan resides at 451 Chestnut street and is employed by Columbus Electric company. Their home is at Kankakee, Ill.

The War department telegram received Tuesday stated that Lt. Logan had been wounded in action Jan. 23. He later reported that he had been recuperated and was back with his unit, was dated Jan. 27.

**See Front with Allied**  
Mrs. Maude Johnson of 304 Fourth street was reassured once that two of the soldiers who

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