

PFC. HERBERT EHLERDING KILLED ON LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

Pfc. Herbert Ehlerding, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Ehlerding of Decatur route two, a combat infantryman with the 152nd Infantry of the famous 38th (Cyclone) division, was killed in action on Luzon on May 7, the parents were notified by the war department last night.

Pfc. Ehlerding was one of the first men from this county to be inducted into the army, his service record dating from April 19, 1941. He had more than sufficient credits to be released from combat duty.

A veteran of 16 months active duty in the war against Japan, Pfc. Ehlerding went overseas in January, 1944, and fought in the battles of Hawaii, New Guinea, Samar, and Leyte in the Philippines. He was awarded the combat infantry badge for his exploits in the battle of Zig Zag Pass, east of Olongapo in the Philippines, the American defense medal, the good conduct medal, the Philippine liberation medal and the Asiatic-Pacific theater medal. The citations awarded listed him as one of the nation's best soldiers.

Pfc. Ehlerding was born in Preble township on July 12, 1917. He attended the Preble Lutheran school and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. He assisted his father in farming, until about a year before he joined the army and was then employed by O. C. Ewell, oil dealer in Preble. He received his basic training as an infantryman at Camp Shelby, Miss., and at camps in Texas.

Besides his parents, who are prominent residents of Preble township, he is survived by a brother, Lewis Ehlerding at home; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Schuller, wife of Pfc. Frank Schuller, who was with American troops in Holland on V-E day; and Mrs. Vern Linker, of Ossian route one.

**Contributed by Karin King**

Buried: Manila American Cemetery and Memorial; Manila, National Capital Region, Philippines

Plot: Plot N Row 3 Grave 59

