

Saturday, December 5, 1942

Adams County Soldier Drowns in Oregon River Body of Everett Johnson Not Yet Recovered by Army

Another Adams County man lost his life while serving in the nation's armed forces Friday when Pvt. Everett R. Johnson, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Johnson, of southeast of Decatur, drowned in Rogue River, Camp White, Oregon.

A telegram was received by Mrs. Johnson this morning informing her of her son's death. Only meager details of the accident were given.

His body had not been recovered at the time the telegram was sent last night.

The wire stated:

"Regret to advise your son, Everett Robert Johnson, drowned December 4, Rogue River, Camp White, Oregon, while training in boat drill with company. Body not yet recovered. Will advise when found. Deepest sympathy. Moyer"

Entered October 5

Pvt. Johnson entered active duty with the U.S. Army at Camp Perry, Ohio on October 19 after being accepted through selective service on October 5.

Before entering service, he was active in the county's rural life, having served for a time as president of the Adams County Farm Bureau, president of the older youths club, and sold bureau insurance, in addition to being employed by an insulation company as salesman.

He served as superintendent of the First United Brethren Church Sunday school here before entering the Army.

He was born on June 14, 1914, the son of O. T. and Della T. Johnson. He attended Decatur High School for one and one-half years.

Surviving besides the parents are a half-brother, Eddis, and a sister, Ruth, both living in Chicago.

Monday, December 7, 1942

29 Men Accepted for Army Service To Leave Saturday for Active Service

Twenty-nine of 49 men who took final selective service exams at Toledo, Ohio Saturday were accepted for Army service, it was officially made known here today.

It was unofficially reported that 18 were rejected and two were held over for further examinations.

Delbert Augsburger was named acting corporal of the group, which will leave next Saturday for active duty. Others are: James Borders, Earl Stucky, Richard Drake, Clarence Schindler, Waldo Stucky, Doyle Gilbert, Walter Steffen, Earl Lehman, Delmer Fisher, Paul Oetting, James Lose, Millard Schwartz, Clarence Bultemeier, Robert Fennig, Richard Walter, Wayne Derickson, Ralph Dongenberger, Richard Gerber, Ray Meyer, Amos Geimer and Marion Yoder.

Seven of the 29 were placed in the limited service group. They are Arthur Haugk, Howard Brown, Elmer Hendricks, Robert Bailey, Robert Brown, Richard Hendricks and Lewis Smith.

Robert Marenke and Jerome Keller were held over.

Rejected were: Gerald van Skyock, Vernon Frauhiger, Charles Tumbleson, Tillman Bauman, Dalmon Case, Charles Whitright, Walter Augsburger, Eli Habegger, Robert Aspy, Leo Faurote, Ervin Anderson, Clarence Michel, Carl Barnett, Floyd McDonald, Robert Eyanson, Arthur Mayer, Carl Sprunger, Carl Amstutz.

Tuesday, December 8, 1942

17 Rejected from Latest Contingent
Further Word is received by Board

Only 17 men of the 49 sent to Toledo, Ohio Saturday were rejected, according to an official report received today by the Adams County Draft Board.

Clarence Michel, who was at first reported rejected, has been forwarded to Camp Perry, Ohio for further examination.

Carl Amstutz, who was held over, was later rejected, according to the report. Jerome Keller and Robert Marhenke, who were also held over, still had not returned late today. Keller, it was reported, had informed his parents here that he would be at Camp Perry for about four days.

Three "Old Men" in Call

Only three men who have received orders to report for induction on December 14 - the next call for this month - are 38 years old or older, it was made known today. They will not be called under the new selective service ruling. Since orders cannot be sent without 10 day notices, their places will not be filled.

There are no men that old in the December 22 contingent - the third and to date the last call for December - it was reported.

Meanwhile, the board has been ordering 18 and 19-year-olds to take preliminary physical examinations and classifying them; although no additional orders have been received by the board, according to information from the state selective service headquarters and other states, selective

service will likely call for them in January before calling any other married men or married men with children.

Monday, December 7, 1942

Rev. Clement Falter is Killed in Action
Priest Known Here Killed in Africa

Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S., formerly of St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, and well known in Decatur, died November 8, in North Africa, the first American Catholic chaplain known to have been killed in offensive action on foreign soil.

Word of his death was received here by Rev. Joseph J. Seimetz, pastor of St. Mary's Church and a personal friend of the chaplain. As far as known, Father Falter was buried in North Africa. He was 38 years old.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's College and on Thursday morning at Carthegena, Ohio in St. Charles' Seminary from which place he was ordained in 1930.

Father Falter visited in Decatur last December and spoke before the high school body. He visited here prior to that time and was well known to many people here.

Father Falter was killed during a landing operation at Fadala, Morocco, according to Rev. Francis Ballinger, Navy chaplain of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., who was aboard the U.S.S. Joseph Hewes with Father Falter. The Hewes was torpedoed after Father Falter disembarked.

Father Falter was commissioned a first lieutenant and had served with the signal corps at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. with the 113th combat team at Georgetown, Del., and at Ft. Ord, Calif.

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