



## PVT. ARTHUR BERNING IS KILLED IN ACTION Ceylon Soldier Dies Of Illness In Italy

One soldier was killed in action and another died of natural causes in the European theater of war, relatives have been advised.

Pvt. Arthur L. Berning, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C.

Berning of U. S. highway 27, living in Allen county, just beyond the Adams county line, met death in combat in Luxembourg on January 27, the parents were advised last night. The young soldier went overseas only last month and could not have been on the battlefield more than two weeks when he met death.

**Forest Mann**, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann of Ceylon, south of Berne, died of hardening of the arteries in Italy, where he was serving with the U. S. army.

Pvt. Berning was inducted into the army last June 26, taking basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. He was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, following a furlough home last December 20. He left for overseas about January 1.

The young soldier was a graduate of St. John's Lutheran school. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, on the Decatur road, and prior to entering the army was engaged in farming in Marion township, Allen county.

Surviving are his parents, a brothers, Fred W. Berning, and two sisters, Otilie and Leila, at home.

**Forest Mann** was attached to a land mine detecting outfit. In recent letters from him he stated that he was not well. He was married to Miss Virginia Flauding of Bryant. They have one child, a daughter.

Besides his parents, wife and child, he is survived by two brothers, Harvey and Clarence, who are serving with the army overseas.

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**Contributed by Karin King**

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### FOREST MANN OF CEYLON SERVING IN ITALY DIES

Area Soldier Succumbs to Hardening of Arteries Parents Advised

Forest Mann, 25, serving with the U.S. Army in Italy, is reported dead according to a telegram received Saturday evening by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann residing on the south edge of the village of Ceylon, south of here. Death was caused by the hardening of the arteries.

In several recent letters to his parents and to his wife, Forest has been mentioning that he was not feeling well, that he had been quite nervous, that he was on the verge of nervous collapse and that he did not see how much longer he could stand it much longer.

Soldier Mann was engaged with a land mine detecting outfit, an extremely hazardous assignment. He was married to Miss Virginia Flauding of Bryant, who with her small daughter makes her home with the Mann family and also with her own father at Bryant. The parents also survive and a number of brothers and sisters, among them are two brothers, Harvey and Clarence who are serving in the armed forces overseas. He was a nephew of Jess Mann former trustee of Wabash township.

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DEATH OF PFC. MANN DUE HEART AILMENT

Last letters from Ceylon Soldier Witten Jan, 16: said feeling alright

Pfc. Forest Mann, 34, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Man of Ceylon, who has been reported dead in Italy, by the war department, died of coronary arteriosclerosis, a heart ailment, according to a telegram received by Pfc. Mann's parents. The message did not state the date of his death.

The last letter received from Pfc. Mann was to his wife on January 10. In it he stated that he was feeling fine, although in previous letters he had stated that he was suffering from nervousness and found the going rather difficult because of his condition. He had been serving in a land mine detecting outfit but had recently been assigned to heavy artillery guns, on which assignment he was at the time of his death.

Pfc. Mann entered the service in August 1942 through selective service, and went overseas in May 1943. Surviving in addition to his parents and his wife and little daughter, are the following brothers and sisters: Pfc. Harvey Mann in England: Cpl. Clarence Mann in Italy: Norman of Portland: Earl in Geneva: Mrs. Helimina Carpenter of Camden, Michigan: Mrs. Lela Elliot of Argos, Indiana: Mrs. Inez Watkins of Frankfort: Mrs. Dorothy Hendricks of Marne City, Michigan: Mrs. Omer Nevil and Mrs. Alvie Nevil, both of Geneva.

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