

PVT. JOHN MAHAR KILLED IN ACTION IN KOREAN WAR

First Of Immediate Troy Area To Make Supreme Sacrifice

The immediate Troy Area has had its first soldier killed in action in Korea.

First of this area to give his life in his country's latest war was Pvt. John F. Mahar.

His mother, Mrs. Catherine Gregory of Pleasantdale, received notification in a Defense Department telegram over the weekend of her son's death in Korea Aug. 8.

Private Mahar, 19, enlisted in the Army on Aug. 4, 1948, with a twin brother, William, who has since been discharged after serving out a one-year enlistment.

Young Mahar, his mother reported last night, was among the first U. S. soldiers to go into embattled Korea. His letters told little of the fighting there, but he did write once that he had been lost behind Communist lines for 18 days.

At that time, he told his mother to disregard any telegram she might receive from the Defense Department notifying her that he was missing in action. However, no such telegram was ever sent.

Mahar was believed to be serving as a rifleman with Co. C of the 34th Infantry Regiment.

Born in Troy, Mahar was graduated from St. Peter's School and attended Lansingburg High School before enlisting in the Army. After two months at Fort Dix, N. J., he was sent to Japan, where he served with occupation troops until the fighting broke out in Korea.

An older brother, Martin Mahar of Apt. E-6, Garden Court, served with the Marine Corps in World War II.

In addition to his mother and two brothers, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Marshal of Troy and Miss Kathleen Mahar of Pleasantdale. A requiem mass will be celebrated for the fallen soldier at 9 a.m. tomorrow at St. Peter's Church.

DIED IN KOREA ACTION MAY 25

Pfc. E. L. Richard, of Rensselaer, N. Y., Was Son
of Danburians.

Mrs. Howard J. Herrick of 1. Housman street has received word from the Defense department that her son, Pfc. Ernest Lane Richard, 22, was killed in action last May 25 with the Second Infantry division in Korea.

Pfc. Richard, who was the step-son of Mr. Herrick, had resided with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey, 1475 Broadway, Rensselaer, N. Y., but had visited the Herricks here every summer and on other numerous occasions, prior to his enlisting in the U. S. Army.

He was well-known and had many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herrick, who are awaiting further details on their son's death, said he enlisted in the Army, August 12, 1948, following graduation from Rensselaer High school. He had served for 14 months on Adak Island in the Aleutians prior to going to Korea.

At the time of his death, he was with Company L, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.