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Casualty List Names 11 From Detroit Area



Eleven Detroit area men were among 23 Michigan war casualties reported today.

A youthful Detroiter, who "wanted action," did in Italy of wounds. He apparently had been slightly wounded a few days earlier, insisted on returning to combat, and suffered wounds which proved fatal within 48 hours.

A bomber pilot, veteran of more than 25 missions, is missing over Austria.

A Navy pilot died in a Southwest Pacific plane crash.

Eight other Detroit area men several of them fliers, are Nazi prisoners.

One outstater is reported killed and 11 others as prisoners of Germany.

United States combat casualties made public totaled 669. The Army named 588 German prisoner. The Navy listed 42 dead, 23 missing and 36 wounded.

Dead

HAHN, Pfc. Lawrence (Larry) Jr., infantryman, Italy, April 22, of wounds; one of two service sons; parents live at 15384 Monica avenue.

CLARK, Ensign Brennan, Navy pilot, May 23, in a plane crash in action in the Southwest Pacific; husband of Mrs. Adeline Welch Clark, 18714 Appoline avenue.

Missing

BOWERING, Lieut. Arthur F., Liberator pilot, over Austria; one of three service sons of Mrs. Lily Bowering, 5732 Sixteenth street.

German Prisoners

BIXBY, Lieut. Lewis F., 31 year old infantry officer, captured in Italy January 26; brother of Mrs. Harold F. Barnes, 26044 Dundee road, Royal Oak, and of Mrs. Winifred Hodgson, 848 Iroquois avenue; previously reported missing.

DALLACQUA, Lieut. Homer W., 22, Liberator navigator, captured during the March 6 Berlin raid; son of Mrs. Simon Barrera, 3180 Hunt street; previously reported.

FONTANA, Pvt. Albert, captured in Italy; son of Mrs. Rose Fontana, 1970 LaBelle avenue; reported April 5 as missing.

GILL, Lieut. Louis H., son of **Mrs. Addie Gill**, 2968 Bewick avenue; reported February 12 as missing on a mission from Britain.

INLOES, Pvt. Raymond F., captured in Italy; husband of Mrs. Norma Inloes, 2241 Henry street; previously reported.

KEENAN, Staff Sergt. George P., 25, bomber gunner, captured during a March 18 raid out of Britain; one of two sons of Mrs. Betty Thomas, 19193 Eureka avenue, in overseas service; previously reported.

MOTHER, Lieut. Jeremiah W., 23 infantry offer, captured in Italy February 16; son of Mrs. Dorothea E. Kaplan, 8610 Dexter boulevard; previously reported.

WILSON, Pvt. Arthur F., 22, 1st Ranger Battalion, captured at Anzio January 30; son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wilson, 14055 Manning avenue, and husband of Mrs. Virginia W. Wilson, 24306 Groesbeck Highway, East Detroit; previously reported missing in action with the Army Air Corps, is reported dead.

Among the 11 outstaters listed as German prisoners were Pvt. Ferris G. Busha, 703 Emmet street, Ypsilanti; Lieut. Charles W. Cecil, Bay City; Sergt. Jack W. Goucher and Tech. Sergt. James F. McClure, Flint, and Lieut William Jennings, Lansing.

Hahn, 19, died April 22, his parents were notified. After being requested "to wait until you are older" when he attempted to enlist in the Navy, he entered the Army in February, 1943, a few months later. Overseas since November, he went to Italy in January. In a letter written April 20, he advised his family he had suffered a minor wound, but "to pay no attention to such report" when notified by the War Department. He was a January, 1943, Cooley High School graduate. Also surviving are three brothers, Jack O.; Corp. Eugene M. AAF, at Independence, Kan., and Robert C. Hahn, and one sister, Mrs. Vernetta Lett.

Ensign Clark, 24, was graduated from Northwestern High School in 1938, and attended Miami University, Oxford, O., and Wayne University before entering service. He was commissioned at Corpus Christi, Tex., in June 1943. His parents are Maj. And Mrs. John R. Clark, 3371 Outer Drive west. Also surviving are a brother, Lieut. John Clark of the Army, and a sister, Mary Jane Clark, of San Francisco.

Lieut. Bowering, 23, is unreported since May 10, the Army advised his mother. A letter from him to a friend bore the mailing date of Mary 13. A Ford Trade School graduate, he was a Ford purchasing engineer when he enlisted in February, 1942. He was commissioned a year later, went overseas last Christmas, and was promoted to a first lieutenant in March.

His bombing of German concentrations at Cisterna, a few weeks ago, was so effective that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean commander, publicly praised the efforts of the squadron he headed as “the most accurate job of its sort of which I’ve ever heard.”

His mother is a Eureka Vacuum war worker. Her husband, Frank, died in 1935. Her three children are all in service. Pvt. Walter, 21, is in a Signal Corps school at Davis, Calif. Donald W. Bowering, 19, is an aviation cadet at Tucson, Ariz.

**See Chapter 2 and Family Sheet for Preston Steward Gill.*

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*Louis H. Gill was a prisoner of war but made it home and is living still in 2003. His plane was shot down over Germany. *See Anderson Family Lewis Huston Gill Story.*

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Lewis H. Gill, s/o Preston Stewart Gill and Addie Anderson Gill is the young cadet on the left first man with his arm raised to say goodbye to Detroit to begin his preliminary training.