

Edward Thompson

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2 Local Soldiers Killed In Action

Sgt. Leroy Willey and Pvt. Edward Thompson Reported Killed; Pfc. Harry Gwinn Peck Missing In Action

Two additional Hinton men were reported killed in action today in the European theater of war and a third was reported missing in action.

Listed by the war department as killed in action, according to telegrams received by members of their family, were Sgt. Leroy Willey, husband, of Mrs. June E. Spade Willey, of Cross street, and Pvt. Edward Thompson, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Thompson, of Temple street, and husband of Mrs. Opal Thompson, of Kayford.

Reported missing in action was Pfc. Harry Gwinn Peck, 22, son of Mrs. Mae Carden Peck, of Summers street, and the late Leo M. Peck.

The telegram received by Mrs. Willey Monday stated that her husband had been killed in action on January 3, in Belgium. He had been in the army five or six years and had served three years in the Hawaiian islands. He left for the European theater in September, 1943, and participated in the invasion of Normandy.

Sgt. Willey, son of Mrs. Bessie Willey, of this city, was reported wounded in action in June, 1944, in the invasion and had been awarded the Purple Heart medal, which he had sent to his wife.

Pvt. Thompson's wife was advised that her husband had been killed in action January 6, in Germany. The last letter received here by his parents was dated December 29.

He entered the service on March 23, 1944, and left for overseas service October 3, 1944. He was with the 84th division 333rd infantry of the U. S. Ninth army.

Pvt. Thompson was a graduate of Hinton high school. Before entering the service he was employed by the Traux Tracr Coal company at Kayford, where he had been employed since completing his high school education.

In addition to his wife and parents, Pvt. Thompson is survived by three sisters, Miss Ada Thompson, of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. T. J. Straughan, and Miss Jean Thompson, of Charleston, and one brother, George Thompson, of Long Beach, Calif.

Pfc. Peck was reported in a telegram received by his mother yesterday to have been missing in action in Belgium since December 17, 1944.

Pfc. Peck was born in Hinton, September 30, 1922, and was a graduate of Hinton high school. He was active in Boy Scout activities.

He was inducted into service on Nov. 28, 1942.

Prior to his induction he was employed by the A. W. Cox Department store of this city.

The reports of the deaths of the two men today bring to 43 the number of Summers county men who have been killed in action during the present war.