

Cpl. Clow 11th Paw Paw Victim

Message Reveals He Died On Rome Front

PAW PAW, Feb. 15—Paw Paw community became aware of its eleventh casualty during the present war when on Saturday a message from the U. S. War Department conveyed the news to family and friend that Cpl. Dean Rose Clow, former Paw Paw boy, had been killed in action.

No other small rural area in the state has such a record as this—men either killed or missing in action.

The War department message stated that Cpl. Clow died of wounds received in action while serving in the drive on Rome by the Fifth Army under General Mark Clark on January 25. He is believed to have participated in the establishment of the beachhead at Nettuno.

The corporal graduated from Paw Paw high school with the class of 1936, and in his school days was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball, baseball and track. He then attended Parsons Business College in Kalamazoo and was there an outstanding athlete.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, now of Kalamazoo. His mother, Mrs. Gertrude Clow, formerly of Paw Paw, is now living at Willow Run. He has a brother, Lt. Hugh Clow, now at Carlsbad, New Mexico. His maternal grandfather, L. R. Adamson, resides in Paw Paw, and a nephew is Village Clerk Nyle Adamson.

DEAN CLOW DIED FROM WOUNDS

Corp. Clow Fighting Near Rome With Fifth Army Lost Life In Italy January 25

Once more and for the eleventh time since the United States entered this war, this community is saddened by the news from the U. S. War Department that a young man has either made the supreme sacrifice or reported as missing in action, and this time news came to Mrs. Dean Clow, of Kalamazoo, and to Mrs. Gertrude Clow, of Paw-Paw, who is now employed at Willow Run, that their husband and son, Corp. Dean Clow, had died as the result of wounds received in action while fighting with Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

The news of his death which is reported to have taken place on January 25, came to the family last Saturday and brought sadness to the entire community for Dean was a young man highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Dean Ross Clow was born in Munising November 4, 1918. With his mother and brother, Lt. Hugh Clow, now of the Carlsbad Army Air Field, New Mexico, he came to Paw Paw twenty years ago, following the death of his father and has since resided on the farm of his grandparents, L. R. and the late Mrs. L. R. Adamson. Here the young boys grew up and were graduated from the local high school. Dean completed his

course in 1936 and was prominent in athletics, being an all around four letter man, starring in baseball, football and basketball, and track, and was a member of the regional champion basketball team in his senior year, 1936. Later he attended Parson's Business School in Kalamazoo and spent his week ends and leisure time here.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and of the Paw Paw Masonic Lodge No. 25, F. and A. M. and was a young man destined to give a good account of himself.

He was employed at various times here and made a large circle of friends by his happy manner, attention to duty and friendliness.

He was married to Miss Pauline Rhineveld of Kalamazoo, Feb. 28, 1942, and they resided there at the time he entered the service in July of that year. He had his training at Camp Robinson, Ark., and left for overseas service in January of last year and had served through the North African, Sicilian and Italian fronts, giving good accounts of himself according to all reports.

He is survived by his wife who resides at present in Kalamazoo; his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Clow, of Ypsilanti; his brother, Lt. Hugh D. Clow, of Carlsbad, New Mexico; his grandfather, L. R. Adamson, and by several uncles and aunts, other relatives and a host of friends who will extend sincerest sympathy to his family in their great loss.

The flags on the Federal building and the court house park were half staffed Monday and Tuesday in memory of this young man's sacrifice.

The Presbyterian church was filled to capacity and many stood in the aisles last Sunday afternoon when a memorial service was held for the late Corp. Dean R. Clow who died from wounds received in action January 25. Corp. Clow was with General Clark and the 5th Army in the Italian invasion before Rome when he made the supreme sacrifice.

Flowers banked the front of the church and on a table in front of the pulpit a picture of Corp. Clow was flanked by white tapers with the apron and gloves of the Masonic order nearby.

More than fifty Masons were present and assisted in the memorial rites which were conducted by Past Masters Merle H. Young and Wendell Riedl and Worshipful Master Murray Swindell and Rev. Edwin J. Wimer.

At the conclusion of the Lodge of Sorrow, Frank Thompson, chairman of the board of trustees of the church of which the deceased was a member and Hon. Edson V. Root, former superintendent of schools, spoke very feelingly of the fine characteristics which made up the personality of Corp. Clow and which made him a friend of so many people not only here where he spent the greater part of his life but wherever he had lived and worked, and the service was closed with a few remarks by Rev. Wimer, pastor of the church.

Dean Clow was born in Munising, Michigan, Nov. 4, 1918, and died January 25, 1944.



Cpl. Dean R. Clow

August 27th, 1948 Newspaper Article:

The body of Cpl. Dean R. Clow, son of Mrs. Gertrude Clow, who lost his life in the recent war, was among the two thousand bodies which were returned to this country from Italy aboard the United States Army Transport Carroll Victory last week, and it now rests in the Chicago Center awaiting transport to Paw Paw under proper escort for a reburial.

Probably within a short time, Mrs. Clow will be notified as to the date of its arrival here and arrangements then will be made for the service to be held here under the auspices of the local war veterans.

From October 15, 1948 Newspaper

Full military rites were accorded Cpl. Dean R. Clow, son of Mrs. Gertrude Clow, who was killed in battle at the Salerno beach-head in Italy, January 25, 1944, in Prospect Hill cemetery last Saturday afternoon following a short prayer service held in the Thompson Funeral Home, conducted by Rev. Malcolm McNeal of the Presbyterian church of which Cpl. Clow was a member.

Veterans of the various organizations of the community were in charge of the service and the salute to the dead by the firing squad and taps blown by William P. Wright and the presentation of the flag to Mrs. Clow concluded the rites.

Casket bearers were Earl Hoodemaker, Richard Stine, Roscoe Terrill, Frank Johnson, John Johnson and Chris Staehling.

The body of Cpl. Clow arrived in Hartford the day before and was escorted under guard to the funeral home where it rested until the hour of the service.

A public memorial service for Cpl. Clow was held in the Presbyterian church soon after news of his death was received.

Flags of the town were half staffed during the hour of the service and business places were closed in respect to his memory and service to his country. The floral tribute was large and very beautiful.

Cpl. Clow was serving with a tank destroyer unit at the time of his death and was buried temporarily in an American cemetery in Italy.

He was born in Munising Nov. 4, 1918 and came to Paw Paw with his mother and brother when a young lad and was graduated from the Paw Paw high school and was prominent in its athletic program.

He entered the service of his country in July 1942 and had been awarded the Purple Heart with special mention for meritorious service.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Clow, a brother, Hugh Clow, a grandfather, L. R. Adamson, and an uncle, Nyle Adamson, all of Paw Paw. Other survivors are an uncle, Dean Adamson, Owosso; an aunt, Mrs. L. F. Levin, Sault Ste. Marie; and a great-aunt, Mrs. E. R. Malmberg, St. Joseph.

His father died a number of years ago.