Raritan Men Who Gave Their Life for our Country

World War I

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World War II

Domini Baldini

25 First Ave.

Private Baldini Is Second Raritan Soldier Killed In Saitama Battle

Somerset Messenger Gazette - October 1945

Pfc. Domini Baldini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Baldini, 25 Arlington Place, according to word received from his family last week from the War Department, He was 24. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Baldini, 25 Arlington Place, Raritan. He had been overseas since April 1945.

Private Baldini is the second Raritan soldier to be killed in action in Saitama Battle.

A native of Martin Ferry, Ohio, he came to the United States in 1931. He entered the service on February 27th 1943 and was sent to Fort Dix. He was in the service two years. Details were sent recently to relatives from Fort Dix.

World War II

Carmine Crugnale

19 N. Gaston Ave.

Sailor from Raritan dies in Florida Naval Hospital

Somerset Messenger Gazette - December 1946

RARITAN - Seaman Carmine Crugnale, U.S. Navy, 19 North Gaston Avenue, died last week in a Florida hospital from an acute nephritis. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crugnale, 19 North Gaston Avenue. He was born in Raritan and was a graduate in the senior class April. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Colonna of New Brunswick and Miss Nina Mae Crugnale, at home, and two brothers, Frederick and Joseph, both at home.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 at Church of the Immaculate Conception at 10 o'clock. Interment follows High Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church. Arrangements are left in St. Bernard's Cemetery. Paterson's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

World War II

Frank Esposito

7 Thompson St.

Frank Esposito Dies in Explosion

Somerset Messenger Gazette - June 23rd 1944

RARITAN - Private Frank Caprella, U.S. Army, was killed in action on June 6th, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Caprella of 7 Thompson Street.

Private Caprella entered service in March, 1942, and was stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts prior to being sent overseas. He was employed at the Calco Chemical Division plant and Mac Mine Co. in Bound Brook. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of the plant. He is the parent, Teresa with her daughter, Frances, age four and a half months.

Leonard Caprella, who died, in with the 6th in Arizona.

World War II

Francis Harcar

65 LaGrange St.

Private Francis Harcar of Raritan Killed in Action, Father Is Informed

Somerset Messenger Gazette - September 1944

RARITAN - A telegram received from the War Department informed Leonard Harcar of 65 LaGrange Street that his son, Private Francis Harcar, was killed in action in the Pacific area on August 19th. Private Harcar was in the Quartermaster Corps and had been overseas for 18 months.

Private Harcar was 20 and entered overseas Sept. 3rd. He served at Camp Blanding, Florida, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts and Fort Meade.

On August 7th, the day before he died, he wrote a letter to his parents in which he said he was in good health and was having a magnificent time. He attended Sunday services.

Private Harcar worked at the Johns Manville Corporation before entering the service. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and Columbian Club. He had served as an altar boy. He was the nephew of the former Mrs. Margaret Gaffney of Raritan.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Stanley, in the navy and also a sister Marie at home. Rev. Joseph Kiss, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will be in charge of the funeral. Arrangements are left with the Kuntz Funeral Home.

World War II

Alfonse Matteis

20 First Ave.

Marine Sergeant Killed on Okinawa

Somerset Messenger Gazette - April 26th, 1946

SOMERVILLE - Staff Sergeant Alfonse Matteis, 20, U.S. Marine Corps, was killed in action on Okinawa April 5th, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfonse Matteis, of 20 First Avenue, Raritan, from the Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Matteis entered the service August 1941, taking his preliminary training at Parris Point, North Carolina. He was stationed at Quantico, Virginia and then at the Marine Barracks, Bremerton, Washington.

Sergeant Matteis was a member of the Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus. He had served as an altar boy. He was also a member of the Raritan Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and the Raritan Marine Lodge.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Joseph, in the navy and a sister, Frances, age four and a half months.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30 at the residence of his parents, 20 First Avenue, Raritan, and at 10 o'clock in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. Joseph Kiss, pastor of the church, will officiate. Interment will be in the Raritan Unit Chalmers and the Good Conduct Medal.

After receiving pre-war orders, Marine Pfleiers of Hazel Avenue, Raritan, was in the Pacific area when he was struck by enemy fire. Funeral services will be held after coffee weeks.

World War II

Peter Obzanski

4 Colfax St.

Illness is Fatal For Raritan Man in New Guinea

Press-Chronicle Clerk in Army Base Hospital, Overseas 19 Months

Somerset Messenger Gazette - July 1944

RARITAN - Mr. and Mrs. Peter Obzanski of 4 Colfax Street, Raritan, received a telegram from the War Department on Friday, July 7th, stating that their son, Corporal Peter Obzanski, Jr., died on July 5th in a hospital in New Guinea after an illness of several weeks.

Corporal Obzanski was a clerk in the Press-Chronicle office in the Raritan Post Office, where he was employed before he entered the service. He had been overseas with the Army Medical Corps since Feb-ruary 1943, and had been in the Pacific area for 19 months.

Corporal Obzanski was a member of the Holy Name Society and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Corporal Obzanski received a furlough in June of 1943. Prior to his departure for overseas, he was feted at a dinner given in his honor. He also was a St. Joseph's Parochial School boy and received confirmation at the Immaculate Conception Church.

Besides his parents, Corporal Obzanski leaves his brothers Anthony, Stanley, Joseph, Walter and Edward, and his sisters Mrs. Mary Kiss, who is in Europe, and Mrs. Helen Kiss, Raritan, at home.

World War II

Jerry Ottavianno

19 Anderson St.

Infantry Private Dies of Wounds

Somerset Messenger Gazette - June 1945

RARITAN - Private Jerry Ottavianno, U.S. Army, died of wounds received in action in Germany on April 29th, according to a telegram received by the Rev. Joseph Kiss, pastor of St Ann's Church, Raritan, and Mrs. Frank Spatt of 52 Anderson Avenue, Raritan, notified by the War Department. The soldier, an infantryman, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Ottavianno, 19 Anderson Street, Somerville, and the late Jane Ottavianno.

The 17-year old private was previously wounded in the Philippines about two months ago. He is in service since January 1944 and was sent to Fort Dix. He was in the service two years. He was in Western Europe 10 months, and six months in the Philippines. He was a member of the Holy Name Society.

The 17-year old private was previously wounded in the Philippines about two months ago. He is in service since January 1944 and was sent to Fort Dix. He was in the service two years. He was in Western Europe 10 months, and six months in the Philippines. He was a member of the Holy Name Society.

Private Ottavianno was a graduate of Somerville High School. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Angelo, in the navy, and a sister, Jane, at home.

World War II

Joseph Spatt

52 Gaston Ave.

Raritan Soldier Killed in Italy

Somerset Messenger Gazette - 1944

RARITAN - Private Joseph Spatt, previously reported missing in action in Italy since September 22nd, is now listed as killed in action, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spatt of 52 Gaston Avenue from a friend.

He served with the 350th Infantry Division in Lieutenant General Mark Clark's 5th Army. He had been in the service and overseas since the 7th day of July 1943.

He was enlisted September 7th, 1940. After infantry training, he left for Fort Dix, Alabama, he went overseas on Friday July 7th.

A brother, George Spatt, is towards shore in the Navy. Has been in Navy Radio Work August of last year. Both brothers attended Somerville High School.

World War II

Rocco DeMelio

64 Thompson St.

Two Raritan Men Are Missing From Sunken Troopship

Corporal Rocco DeMelio, Coxswain Frank Ferguson, Both 18, Have Been Overseas with Army Air Force

Somerset Messenger Gazette - September 1944

RARITAN - Corporal Rocco DeMelio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo DeMelio, 64 Thompson Street, and Coxswain Frank Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson, 19 Thompson Street, both of Raritan, have been reported missing in action in the Pacific. Young Ferguson is the grandson of Mrs. Frank Ferguson, 19 Thompson Street.

Corporal DeMelio, who was 18, was in the Army Air Force and has been overseas. Young Ferguson, who was also 18, was in the Coast Guard and has been overseas for the Amphibious Forces. Both boys were reported missing in action in August 1944.

Young Ferguson is a graduate of Somerville High School and was employed at the Calco Chemical Division. He is the son of his mother and the late Mr. Ferguson.

Young DeMelio was a graduate of Somerville High School and was employed at the Calco Chemical Division. He is the son of his mother and the late Mr. DeMelio.

Young DeMelio's family received a letter from the chaplain of the Amphibious Forces in which he said that young Ferguson was "a good sailor and a fine lad." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor." The letter said that young DeMelio was "a fine lad and a good sailor."

A Mass celebrated for Frank Ferguson will be celebrated at the Rev. Anselm Rosen Chapel in Somerville, Friday, at 10 o'clock. Members of local veterans' organizations will attend both their wakes.

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Julius Dominici

51 LaGrange St.

Second Wire Telling Soldier's Death Ends Hope Held in First Telegram

Somerset Messenger Gazette - September 1944

RARITAN - A second wire has been received by relatives of the death of their son in action in Italy in the Department message of a few days ago. The first wire said that Pfc. Julius Dominici, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominici, 51 LaGrange Street, was wounded in Italy. The second telegram said that he was killed in action on August 27th.

Dominici was a graduate of Somerville High School and was employed at the Calco Chemical Division. He is the son of his mother and the late Mr. Dominici.

Shortly before he was reported missing, Dominici Corporals received a letter from him, which said that he was writing "on the front lines." He said that he was in good health and was having a good time. Letters arrived at the Dominici home after the date of the letter in which he said he was in good health.

A Mass celebrated for Private Dominici will be celebrated at the Rev. Anselm Rosen Chapel in Somerville, Friday, at 10 o'clock. Members of local veterans' organizations will attend both their wakes.

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Charles Dougherty

54 Canal St.

Dougherty Presumed Lost at Sea

Raritan Valley News - August 1945

Two Raritan men who have been reported missing in action since the Battle of Germany, Pfc. Charles Dougherty, son of Mrs. Dougherty, Raritan, and Lieutenant Ernest Ganetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ganetz, Raritan, are now presumed lost at sea.

Both families received their telegrams today, the same day that they received the telegram that their sons were missing in action. Both families had been informed that their sons were missing in action. Both families had been informed that their sons were missing in action. Both families had been informed