

Sgt. Ernest Pratt Killed in Action On Mindanao

**Message Received
By His Mother,
Mrs. Hazel Pratt**


Sgt. Ernest J. Pratt (shown here), a veteran of the Guadalcanal, Munda and New Georgia islands campaigns and the Marcus and Netherlands East Indies, was killed in action May 28, on Mindanao, according to a war department message received by his mother, Mrs. Hazel Pratt, 326 North Bend st. He was previously wounded during the New Georgia campaign, and had been awarded the purple heart medal. He was promoted to sergeant at New Guinea when he was serving with the 124th infantry of the 31st division.

Sgt. Pratt went overseas with Company K, 172nd infantry of the 43rd division in 1942, and was a survivor of the sinking of the USS President Coolidge off the shore of New Caledonia.

He was given a rest period in New Zealand after being wounded at New Guinea. A graduate of the Nazareth school in 1933, he entered the service in 1941.

Besides his mother, he is survived by two sisters, Theresa, Burlington; Mrs. Ronald Richards, Albany, N. Y.; and four brothers, Daniel, Vergennes, and Hubert, Norbert and Frank all of Burlington. Also surviving are two nieces and a nephew.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Thursday, June 28, in St. Joseph's church at 9.



Ernest J. Pratt 20 Jun 1945

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