

# Body of War Hero Arrives Tomorrow

Pvt. John J. Smith  
Killed in Action  
in Belgium in 1944

LOWELL—Members of the American Legion will join with friends and relatives of the late Private John J. Smith in paying final tribute to this young World War II hero who gave his life in the service of the nation while a member of a Tank Destroyer battalion fighting in Belgium on Nov. 4, 1944.

It was announced today that his body will arrive in Lowell tomorrow at 3.50 p. m. and will be taken to the O'Donnell fu-



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neral home where friends may call from 6 to 11 p. m. tomorrow.

Friday, the body will be escorted by the Alberton Vinal post, No. 313, American Legion, from the funeral home to the Legion quarters in North Chelmsford where it will lie in state from 4 to 9 p. m. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Smith of Willis drive, North Chelmsford. John J. Smith had been in the service since September of 1942 at the time of his death. He was a former altar boy and Holy Name member of St. John's church, North Chelmsford.

After his graduation from the Chelmsford high school, Pvt. Smith received his diploma from Lowell Textile Institute and was employed for a time as a machinist's helper at the Boston and Maine car shops in North Billerica.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Rev. William E. Smith, OMI, of McCook, Nebraska, and Henry J. Smith, an honorably discharged veteran of World War II.