



Manuel Gelao
1915-1944

Manuel's death was reported in the November issue of the Star. The following information received by his sister, Lillian, formerly of the Sliced Meats, tells how he died.

Dear Friend:

It is most difficult to answer letters like yours, but surely you have the right to any information, about your brother, that I can send you.

As to his death, that is certain. His tank destroyer was operating in Germany, and early in the morning he was returning to it after conferring with his platoon commander. He met four Germans coming out of the woods. He started toward them, thinking they might surrender. With that a machine gun opened fire on the Germans. The Germans opened fire and your brother was hit twice and instantly killed. At the same time another member of his crew was seriously wounded.

His body was buried, intact, with the rest of the American dead. Each is placed in his own, well marked grave. A priest then goes and has the funerals for all of them.

As to the final disposition of his body, that is for you and your family to decide after the war is over. He will be well looked after here.

Your brother used to attend my

IF the Japs and Nazis had combined in a drive south into Minnesota at International Falls, a city of 50,000, they would have followed a route through these cities:

Virginia	12,000	Little Falls	6,000	NO
Eveleth	6,900	St. Cloud	24,100	FL
Chisholm	7,400	Anoka	6,400	OW
Hibbing	16,300	Stillwater	7,000	MA
Duluth	101,000	St. Paul	287,800	WA
Cloquet	7,300	W. St. Paul	5,700	AL
Aitkin	2,000	So. St. Paul	11,800	AU
Crosby	3,000	Hastings	5,600	RO
Brainerd	12,000	Red Wing	10,000	WI

they would have been responsible for:

143,108	Killed
380,880	Wounded
77,931	Missing
63,746	Prisoners

685,665

IF this had happened and every person in these affected, would the rest of the State and Nation have been left to suffer this trail of misery, suffering, and destruction continuing their effort to ending such a disaster?

Or would they have put forth a 100% effort so that war was stopped, the fewer citizens would perish?

Yet these are the casualty figures since Pearl Harbor. They continue to mount until the conflict ceases.

On this page are many that you know and worked with. They displayed the highest measure of devotion and patriotism, in fighting in defense of its freedom.

IF you will renew all your efforts to bring a decrease in the number of your former friends will thus be reported in the Star. Every minute—every hour—every day—everything that you can do to help them.

KENNETH FLETCHER
1912-1944

An employe of the Janitor Department. Entered the Army October 1942. After twenty-three months spent overseas, word was received by his wife that he was killed in action November 20, 1944 at Leyte in the Philippines.

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GILBERT JUAREZ
1925-1944

Entered the Service in July 1943 from the Hog Casing Dept. His parents received word that he was killed in Holland on December 4, 1944.

Masses, and to the best of my knowledge served his God as well as he served his country. Mass is offered here daily for him and the rest of the men.

I realize that this letter is small compensation for the sacrifices you and your family have made, but there is nothing more that I can do for you.

Please continue to pray for all of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Robert J. Curtis
Catholic Chaplain.

STANLEY

An employe of the Cure Dept. Entered the Army April 1942 and was killed in action September 1943. His parents live in Belgium on father, HARRY ARD, Tanks, are Armourite

THEODORE

This Hog Casing Dept. Entered the Army service to join the Army. He was killed in a plane crash while serving in the Army.

LOUIS FA
Dry Salt and as missing in action October 21st.

Word has been received from KANHULA, JOHN, 22 years old, who was killed in action October 21st, fighting with the