



WOUNDED — Mr. and Mrs. Jake Knippel, Medford, received word Monday that their son, Sgt. Clyde Knippel, had suffered a leg wound in battle on the Italian front recently. In a letter to his parents, Sgt. Knippel stated that he had received the Purple Heart award. He is now in a hospital somewhere in the Mediterranean area. The Knippels have two other sons in service, Pfc. Algernon, now stationed in Iran, and Cpl. Melvin, Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

YOUTH NOT ACCUSED IN DEATH OF GIRL

**David Filgas, 16, Merely
Declared 'Negligent and
Delinquent'**

Grand Rapids—(P)—The death of Patricia Winters, 17-year-old high school girl whose charred body was found in an automobile the morning of Dec. 11, was caused by fire of undetermined origin, a jury of three men and three women decreed today following an inquest into the tragedy. While the jury did not connect

SECOND SON LOST IN PACIFIC THEATER

**Marine Cpl. Robert W.
Lange, 20, Drowned at
Unnamed Station**

Second Marshfield member of the Marine Corps to die in the present conflict, and also the second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lange, 713 W. Arnold street, to give his life in World War II is Cpl. Robert W. Lange, 20.

The parents were informed of his death by drowning in a telegram received from the Marine Corps commandant in Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon. The communication did not disclose the place or date of death, but reported that the body had been recovered and was interred in the vicinity where death occurred.

The corporal was born in Marshfield March 28, 1923, attended the St. John's Catholic School and graduated from Marshfield High School with the class of 1941.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps at Milwaukee April 30, 1942, and was sent immediately to San Diego, Calif., for "boot" training. In October, 1942, he was transferred to the South Pacific, where he is presumed to have been located at the time of his death. The marine had not had an opportunity to visit his home since his enlistment. The last letter received by the parents from their son was dated Jan. 1.

His older brother Cpl. Cornelius Lange, was killed in the Buna campaign in New Guinea on Dec. 29, 1942.

Surviving are his parents and three sisters, Miss Dorothy Lange, at home; Miss Margaret Lange, Baraboo, and Sister M. Cornelia, a teacher at St. Michael's School in Chicago.

RUSSIA

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Soviet forces moved across the Leningrad-Moscow line between