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Sgt. Matthews Is Killed On New Guinea



SGT. J. H. MATTHEWS

A Wisconsin Rapids soldier, Sgt. Jack H. Matthews, has been reported killed in action on August 2 at Afua, New Guinea, according to an official war department telegram. His father, Russell Matthews, who had left the city on vacation, found the telegram awaiting him in Louisiana, where it had been forwarded.

Sgt. Matthews was born in Wisconsin Rapids on February 4, 1924, and attended Lincoln high school, leaving in his junior year to enlist in the army. He left the city with the National Guard in October, 1940.

Pvt. Philipp Dittmann, previously reported killed in action, and Sgt. Matthews died during the same campaign, according to word received from the New Guinea area.

Sergeant Matthews is survived by a sister Mrs. Keith Irwin, city, a brother Jimmy, at home, and his mother and father, both of this city.

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