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Added to the growing list of Marshfield casualties on the New Guinea front today is the name of Sgt. Walter Hoag, 26, reported missing in action since Nov. 19.

A telegram from the War Department containing the information was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoag, 111 S. Cherry street, Friday afternoon.

The missing soldier has two brothers in service, Sgt. Gerald Hoag, also in New Guinea, and Pfc. Donald Hoag, member of the Marine Corps and at present in the United States.

Sgt. Hoag was inducted April 6, 1941, and served first at Camp Livingston, La., and later at Fort Devens, Mass., before going overseas in April, a member of the same regiment to which his brother, Sgt. Gerald Hoag, is attached. The last letter received by his parents was dated Nov. 10.

The sergeant was born in Ashland, Feb. 29, 1916, and came to Marshfield with his parents about 14 years ago. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1933, and was employed by the Wenzel Market here prior to entering the Armed Forces.

Sgt. Hoag was the fourth local casualty reported in less than two days. War Department telegrams late Wednesday night reported Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney, Sgt. Reuben J. (Mose) Steger, and Pfc. George S. Bores killed in action on Nov. 19-20.

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