

Jennings Bryan Easley, Jr., T-33

30 November 1913 – 12 January 1945

(aged 31)



Lieutenant Jennings Bryan "Bob" Easley, Jr., veteran of two New Guinea campaigns was killed in action January 12 on Luzon, the War Department wired his family last night. He was 31 and was serving as an infantry officer with General Kruger's Sixth Army.

His parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Easley; his wife, the former Mary Fay of Pittsburgh PA, and his 16-month-old daughter, Mary Fay Easley, all live at the 930 Jehl address.

Entering the Army in November 1941, he was first assigned to the Medical Corps. He was transferred to the infantry and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in December 1942, upon graduation from officer candidate school at Fort Benning GA.

He went overseas in March 1944 and participated in the Battle of Wewak and Battle Behind the Perimeter on New Guinea.

A graduate of Tech High, he then took a law course, receiving his degree at Southern University Law School and passing the bar examination.

He and his brothers, Captain Dick Easley, B-29 pilot attached to the Ferry Command, and Corporal Bill, with the Army Air Forces in India, were

partners in business with their father at Easley Sheet Metal Supply Company.

Lieutenant Easley was one of Memphis' well-known bowlers and member of Memphis Bowling Association Leagues.

He was also survived by two sisters, Vivian Easley, 930 Jehl, and Mrs. J. B. Emerson, 1082 N. Parkway.

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