

Orlyn Vern Harrison, Jr., T-37

21 November 1918 – 2 December 1944
(aged 26)



Staff Sergeant Orlyn Harrison, infantryman who made powder at Chickasaw Ordnance Works before entering the Army in September 1941, has been wounded in action in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Harrison, 3664 Spottswood, received a War Department message that he was wounded July 26.

A letter from the sergeant written July 25 told of "an umbrella of planes over his foxhole." He said he was opening a can of cheese and crackers ___ "and they'll taste plenty good!" he added. Sergeant Harrison, Tech High graduate in 1937, was sent to North Ireland in December after training at Camp Croft SC and Fort Jackson SC. He has been evacuated to an English hospital. Mr. Harrison is the owner and operator of Bonnie Furniture Company, 129 N. Main.

Information from The Press-Scimitar, 16 August 1944.



Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Harrison, 3664 Spottswood, have received word that their son, Staff Sergeant Orlyn Vern Harrison, was killed in action in Germany on December 2, 1944 only a few days after he had rejoined his outfit after spending three months in an English hospital recovering from wounds received in France on July 26. Sergeant Harrison was with Chickasaw Ordnance Works before joining the Army in September 1941. He went to

Ireland last December. He was born in Brookings SD, and moved here with his parents in 1920. He was 26 years old. His father owns Bonnie Furniture Co., 241 South Main. He leaves a sister, Miss Yvonne F. Harrison. Sergeant Harrison had been a carrier for the Commercial Appeal.

Information from The Commercial Appeal, Wednesday, December 20, 1944.

