

Henry Brady Pitt, T-37

27 March 1919 – 29 May 1943

(aged 24)



Killed Fighting Japs

Mrs. Emma Dussau Pitt, of Route 1, Memphis, has received a letter from an Army captain who saw her soldier husband Private Henry Pitt, die while fighting the Japs in the Aleutians.



Wrote the captain: "Your husband was killed on the morning of May 29, while bravely defending his post against an enemy attack. The heroism of your husband and the men with him turned the enemy attack into a complete defeat."

Private Pitt was 24, and had been in an Army engineer battalion since December. He had lived in Memphis most of his life and was a graduate of Tech High. He was employed by the Bluff City Lumber Company before entering the Army.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pitt. His father lives in Memphis and is a railroad employee. His mother lives in Knoxville. Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Virginia Bell Collins of Knoxville. Pitt was a member of Boulevard Baptist Church.

Information from The Press-Scimitar, Saturday, July 31, 1943.

DETAILS:

He was killed in action during the Battle of Attu in the Aleutian Islands. In the early morning of May 29, 1943, the 50th Combat Engineers were the first U.S. Army unit that encountered the remaining Japanese resistance. They made a suicide charge toward the artillery position on “Engineer Hill.” Men of the 50th Engineers kept fighting while nearby combat units arrived.

