

Val Lowry Renshaw, T-41

6 August 1922 – 12 November 1943

(aged 21)



Sergeant Val L. Renshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Renshaw of 1053 Azalia, died November 12 at a North African area hospital of wounds received five days earlier while fighting in Italy, the War Department announced last night.

On December 1, Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw received a letter from their son which stated he was recovering from a leg wound and he expected to be unable to return to combat duty for some time. The letter was dated November 11.

Sergeant Renshaw, born and reared here, attended South Side and Tech High Schools. He left the latter during his junior year in 1938 to enlist in the Army. He was stationed at Fort Jackson SC until he transferred to the paratroop corps in July 1942.

He received his paratroop training at Fort Benning GA, and at Fort Bragg NC, and was sent overseas last May.

Sergeant Renshaw took part in the initial invasion of Sicily and after that island was captured, he was sent back to North Africa for further training. After a short breathing spell, he was sent back to Sicily and then into Italy. For a short while before his enlistment Sergeant Renshaw as an employee of the Illinois Central System at the Nonconnah Yards. Besides his parents, he is survived by his brother, Private First Class John J. Renshaw, stationed at Hammer Field CA, with the Army Air Forces, and his sister,

Miss Nell Jane Renshaw, employee of the National Fireworks, Inc. at Cordova.

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