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CAPT Forrest G. Gimlin
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Killed in action serving with the 38th Infantry Division



THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1945

Capt. Forrest Gimlin Killed In Luzon Battle

Capt. Forrest G. Gimlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gimlin, 413 East Front street, Buchanan, and at the time of his induction an office employe of the Benton Harbor branch of the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., was killed in action on Luzon on May 21, the day preceding his 36th birthday, according to information received here.



Gimlin

Capt. Gimlin was attached to the field artillery of the 38th division and saw service in Australia and New Guinea before being sent to Luzon.

He entered military service in January of 1941. His earlier training was received at Fort Custer, Mich., Fort Sill, Okla. and Fort Leonardwood, Mo. Later he returned to Fort Sill where he attended Officers Training school and was commissioned a lieutenant in September 1942. From there he went to Camp Swift, Texas, Camp Gruber, Okla., and Camp Maxey, Texas.

Capt. Gimlin was born in Niles May 22 1909, and was a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Besides his parents he leaves a sister, Henrietta, at home in Buchanan and a brother, Guy, in Chicago.

Capt. Forrest Gimlin

BUCHANAN, Nov. 8 — The body of Capt. Forrest Gimlin will arrive here at 11:25 a. m. Tuesday and will be escorted by the American Legion color guard to the Swem funeral home.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. William T. Hunt of the First Presbyterian church, at 2 p. m., Wednesday at the Swem chapel and the American Legion will have charge of services at Silverbrook cemetery, Niles.

Capt. Gimlin died on May 21, 1945 in the 23rd field hospital in Manila from infantile paralysis. He had served as an engineer in the field artillery, 38th division, under Gen. MacArthur.

Capt. Gimlin was born in Buchanan on May 22, 1909, the son of Alfred and the late Bessie Gimlin. Before enlisting in the armed forces, he had been engineer for the Indiana and Michigan Electric company Benton Harbor offices.

Surviving are his father, a brother, Guy M. of Oak Park and a sister, Miss Henrietta Gimlin, at home.

Buried in Silver Brook Cemetery, Niles, Michigan