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1 LT Joseph W. Nessen

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ID: 01179112

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Davis County, UT

Status: DNB August 14, 1944



Died while serving with the 251st Field Artillery Battalion in New Guinea

Buried in Bountiful Memorial Park, Davis County, Utah

Plot: B-E-44-1

First Lt. Joseph Wendell Nessen, U. S. army, 25, husband of Mrs. Lorraine Lallis Nessen, Bountiful, has been killed in New Guinea.

Although details were lacking, Mrs. Nessen reported that her husband was not in the fighting recently, and it was believed that he might have met death accidentally. He was a son of Alvin and Zina M. Price Nessen of Centerville.

Lt. Nessen went overseas in March, 1944 and had been stationed in Guinea since May, 1944. He and Mrs. Nessen were married Nov. 21, 1942, at camp Maxie, Texas, where he was in training. He attended officers' school at Fort Sill, Okla., and also trained at Fort Lewis, Wash. He enlisted with the national guard at Bountiful and departed with them for San Luis Obispo, Cal., in March, 1941.

A graduate of Davis high school, he was later employed with his father, who is a building contractor at Centerville. Lt. Nessen was an active member of Centerville Second ward, where he held an official position in a ward group.

Besides his widow of Bountiful, he is survived by a two-month-old daughter, Jovan, his parents, Centerville; four brothers, Second Lt. Kenneth Nessen, Douglas airfield, Ariz.; Reed Nessen, Robert Nessen and Russell Nessen, all of Centerville and two sisters, Miss Jean Nessen and Miss Lola Nessen, also of Centerville.