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**1 LT Floyd A. Pope, Jr.  
Class 17-42**

**ID: 01165772**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army  
Hometown: Maryville, Missouri  
Status: KIA November 17, 1944**



**Served as a Liaison Officer with the 220th Field Artillery Battalion, 44th Infantry Division.  
Killed in action near Strasbourg, France.**



*From the Maryville Daily Forum Sat., Dec 2, 1944:*

### **Lt. Floyd Pope Killed In Action**

Word has been received that First Lt. Floyd Pope Jr., 25 years old, who has been overseas since the middle of September, had been killed November 17. He was a liaison officer with a field artillery unit and was stationed with the Seventh Army, near Strasbourg, France.

Born November 15, 1919 in Maryville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope Sr., 222 North Walnut Street, he was graduated from St. Patrick's High School. Prior to entering service October 20, 1941, he was employed as a bookkeeper at the Townsend Wholesale Company.

On March 8, 1943, he was married to Catherine Louise O'Brien, who is now residing with her father, Thomas O'Brien of Conception Junction.

Lt. Pope received his commission June 17, 1942, at Fort Sill, Okla. where he was stationed most of the time prior to being sent overseas. He also had been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and in Louisiana, where he was sent on maneuvers. He left for overseas service from Salina, Kans.

Besides his wife and parent, he is survived by a son, Floyd A. Pope III, Conception Junction; three brothers, Sgt. Earl Pope, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio; and Harold and John Pope, of the home; one sister Mary Elizabeth Pope, of the home; two grandmothers, Mrs. Margaret Dougan and Mrs. Sarah E. Pope, Maryville.

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*From the Maryville Daily Forum April 21, 1948:*

### **Ex-Servicemen Hold Military Services for Gilleland and Pope**

Requiem high mass was held at 9 o'clock this morning for Cpl. Charles Gilleland at St. Patrick's Church. Gilleland's body has been returned from Europe where he was killed in action Jan. 16, 1944.

The Rev. R.E. Graham, pastor officiated at the service. Music was furnished by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Henry Upshulte. Mrs. Carolyn Pfeiffer was the organist. The solo, "Ave Maria" was sung by Mrs. Robert O'Connell.

Short military exercises were conducted at the grave at St. Patrick's cemetery under the auspices of the American Legion with Commander Russell Noblet in charge. Pallbearers were Henry Buehler, Dr. K. Sears, E.E. Condon, Walter Hilsabeck, Dr. Robert Garren and Frank McDougal.

Color bearers were Donald Thompson and Kenneth Griffey. Color guards were Don Adamson and Chester Gilbert. Rex Moyer and Gene Upshulte were the buglers.

Members of the firing squad were Walter Wilson, commander, James Powell, Robert Taylor, Bert Volker, Hobart Quinn, W. H. Culver, G.B. Hengler and Russell Van Gundy.

The bodies of Cpl. Gilleland and Lt. Floyd Pope, Jr were accompanied to Maryville by military escorts, Sgt. Nolbert Liana and Lt. Albert C. Early. The bodies were returned from France on the "Robert F. Burns" which arrived in New York from Antwerp Belgium, the first part of April.

Lt. Pope was killed in action November 17, 1944, about two months after he arrived in France.

A requiem mass will be given at St. Patrick's church at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for Lt. Pope. The Rev. Mr. Graham will be assisted by the Rev. Lawrence Gidley, Conception; the Rev. Louis Meyer, Conception Junction and the Rev. Andrew Kunkle, Clyde.

A rosary will be said at 8:30 o'clock tonight at the Price funeral home.

Ex-servicemen who will serve Thursday morning at the services of Lt. Pope. The pallbearers will be Walter Wilson, Joe Peters, R. Jean Black, Will Buener, Luke Reed and Don Moyer. Color bearers and guards will be Robert Fisher, Dennis O'Connell, Harold Rouse and William Linneman.

Orville Brightwell will be in charge of the firing squad that will consist of Ray Cushman, J.S. Johnson, James Powell, Robert Taylor, Russell Van Gundy, G B Henggler and Bill Ward. The buglers will be Gene Upshulte and Don Lewis.

Military services for Lt. Pope will be conducted at St. Columba cemetery at Conception.





**LT Pope is buried in Saint Columba Cemetery, Conception, Missouri**