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LIEUT MEINHART REPORTED KILLED DECEMBER FIRST

Was Fighting In Germany
With U. S. Tank Division
When Killed

Dec. 24, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meinhart of the Island Grove vicinity received a telegram from the War Department Monday December 8th stating that their son, 2nd Lt. Giles M. Meinhart had been killed in action on December First in Germany and that more information, would follow later. Lt. Meinhart was in the tank division of the United States Army.

He was born March 31, 1920 in Grove township. His age at time of his death was 24 years and eight months. September 3 1942 he entered the army, took his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., after which he took officers training at Camp Hood Texas, graduating as a commissioned officer. He was also stationed at Camp Polk, La., and Camp Bowie, Texas. He had been overseas three months. First stationed in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

A letter was received from him by his parents which was written Nov. 30, the day before he was killed stating he was fine.

Besides his bereaved parents, he leaves two sisters, Misses Anna and Dorothy and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 27th at St. Joseph's Catholic church, Island Grove at 10 A. M. with Rev. Fr. John Koebele OFM of Quincy, uncle of the deceased officiating at the Requiem mass assisted by Rev. Fr. Bernard Koebele, OFM, also uncle of deceased.

The American Legion Post of Effingham will have charge of services.