



AHS Gold Star Graduates
Those Who Died in Military Service



World War II Era, Korean War Era, Vietnam War Era



Editor's Note, May 2023

Every effort has been made to identify all AHS graduates who have died in military service during the World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Eras. Names of the fallen listed at the Agawam Veterans' Green Memorial have been cross referenced to the AHS Data Base containing the names of all AHS graduates from 1924 – 2022.

Further research will be undertaken to provide biographical information on all those listed on the Agawam Veterans' Green Memorial whose stories have yet to be told.

Please email any comments, suggestions or corrections to lscherpa@comcast.net

Lawrence Scherpa
(AHS '65)

To all Veterans, thank you for your Service!

On Memorial Day we remember and honor all of those
who died in military service to their country.

The intention of the following pages is to remember and honor those



Agawam High School graduates
who died while in military service during
the World War II Era, the Korean War Era, and the Vietnam Era.

Though these young men died over 50 years ago,
even the most recent of AHS graduates
have some common shared experiences with them –

walking the same halls, sitting in the same classrooms and auditorium,
Graduation Day, The Prom, The Sachem, The Mirror,
The Kid Party, “Brownie” Athletics, Drama and Music, Orange and Brown,
“Joyous and Ever Loyal...” The West Side Rally, and, of course,
the West Side Game.

More than mere forgotten names on a plaque,
images and high school data of each remind us of the lives they lived,
the loved ones they left behind, and their relative youth when they died.

We must always remember and honor their sacrifice
We thank all veterans for their service.



All information in this compilation is taken from readily available public documents –
Agawam High School Yearbooks, The *Springfield Daily News*, the *Springfield Union*,
the *Springfield Republican*, the Vietnam Wall Memorial, The Agawam Veterans Memorial,
and various Veterans websites.

Section 1 - an Overview

Section 2 - Contemporary Accounts - newspaper articles, Yearbook
and other additional information

Section 1

An Overview



Veterans' Green Memorial Park, Agawam

AHS Graduates / Died in Service During World War II Era



Goss, Frank

Elm Street

AHS Class of 1933



2nd Lt. Frank Goss / United States Army

*Evaded capture in Bataan but later captured in Corregidor, Philippines
Prisoner of War of the Japanese from 1942 – 1944*



*Prisoner transport ship sunk enroute to Japan
KIA WWII – 24 Oct 1944 (30 years old)*



Brady, Joseph John, Jr.

Adams Street

AHS Class of 1938



*Joseph John Brady, Jr.
United States Army Air Corps*



Pilot – awarded Air Medal for Service in North Africa / Italy

Serving as a flight instructor when he was killed in mid-air collision in South Carolina

DNB WWII – 13 Nov 1944 (24 years old)



Goodhue, Elmer Joseph

150 Walnut Street

AHS Class of 1940



*Cpl. Elmer J. Goodhue
United States Army*



Killed in "Exercise Tiger", Slapton Sands, England

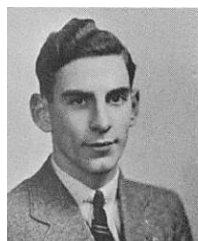
KIA WW II - 28 April 1944 (22 years old)



Brusseau, Philip Henry

North Street

AHS Class of 1941



*1st LT. Phillip H. Brusseau
United States Army Air Corps*



B 17 Co - Pilot – 8th Air Force / England

*Just weeks after being promoted to 1st Lt,
he died of wounds suffered in an air crash.*

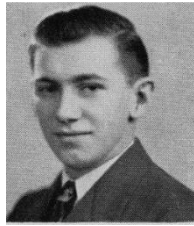
DNB WW II – 23 Oct 1944 (21 years old)



Magiera, Julian

106 Moore Street AHS

AHS Class of 1943



*Cpl. Julian Magiera
United States Army Air Corps*



*Training as an aerial gunner, died in crash of
B-24 Liberator Bomber in Tucson, Arizona*

DNB WW II - 30 Nov 1944 (20 years old)



Hackett, Charles

Leonard Street

**Left Class of '43 prior to
graduation to join the Army**



*Pfc. Charles Hackett
United States Army*



*Blainville sur Leau, France
KIA 8 Nov 1944 (19 years old)*

*Pfc. Hackett was not a graduate because he chose to leave early specifically to join the
armed forces. Future research will attempt to identify other servicemen
who attended AHS and died in military service.*

AHS Graduates / Died in Service – Korean War Era



Pohner , William

North Westfield Street

AHS Class of 1943



Captain William Pohner / United States Air Force



*Pilot – 18th AF / 428th FBS
Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal
for service during WWII and Korea*



*F -100 Super Sabre Jet he was piloting crashed on takeoff at Cannon AFB, New Mexico
He was pulled from the wreckage alive, but died of his injuries the next day
DNB – 24 Oct 1957 (33 years old)*



Hobbs, Clement B.

95 Carr Avenue

AHS Class of 1953



*Cpl. Clement B. Hobbs
United States Marine Corps*



*After serving a year in Korea as a Marine Corps Engineer
he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California
where he died in an auto accident*

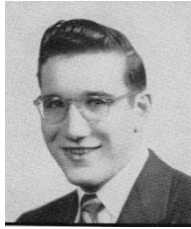
DNB 17 July 1955 (21 years old)

Agawam Graduates / Died in Service – Vietnam War Era



Gallerani, Lawrence A.

61 Oak Hill Avenue AHS Class of 1955 (SC President)



*Lt. Lawrence A. Gallerani (DDS)
United States Naval Reserve / Dental Corps*



*Days after spending a week at home on leave in Agawam
Dr. Gallerani was killed in the crash of a military transport aircraft
enroute to his new assignment in Manila, Philippines.*

DNB 11 May 1964 - Vietnam Era (26 years old)



Connelly, Edward W. Jr. "Ned"

28 Federal Avenue

AHS Class of 1961



Captain Edward W. Connelly Jr.

*United States Marine Corps Aviator
Awarded the Silver Star (posthumously) for
bravery trying to save the lives of fellow Marines*



*On a medivac mission the CH 46 helicopter he was piloting
was downed by enemy ground fire –
he survived the impact but was killed in the ensuing fire fight.*

KIA 5 May 1968 – Vietnam (24 years old)



Meade

Michael

252 Silver Street

AHS Class of 1963



Petty Officer 2C / Corpsman Michael Meade

United States Navy

*Awarded Bronze Star and Purple Heart
assisting wounded while under enemy fire
in Vietnam*



*After tour of duty in Vietnam he was reassigned to the United States --
He was killed in an auto accident in New Hampshire*

DNB 27 July 1968 / Vietnam Era (23 years old)



D'Amato, Paul

105 Rowley Street

AHS Class of 1967



***Spec 4 Paul J. D'Amato
United States Army / 101st Airborne Division***

***Killed by "friendly fire" two hours before the start
of a scheduled Christmas cease fire***

KIA 24 Dec 1970 Vietnam (21 years old)



Moynahan, John J.

140 Autumn Street

AHS Class of 1970



***Spec 4 John J. Moynahan
United States Army / 9th Cavalry Division***

***Gunner aboard a UH 1H helicopter on a troop insertion mission.
Helicopter crash killed all aboard***

KIA 17 Mar 1972 Vietnam (21 years old)



World War 1, Korean War Era, and Vietnam War Era Plaque

Veterans' Green Memorial Park, Agawam

Section 2 – Contemporary Accounts



***World War Two Plaque
Veterans' Green Memorial, Agawam***



Goss, Frank

Elm Street

AHS Class of 1933

Frank Goss

Elm St., Agawam

"Friend of all."

Football 3-4; Orchestra 1-2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Aviation Club 3-4; Dramatic Club 2-3; Treasurer 3; Agawam Mirror Staff 2-3-4; Circulation Manager 3-4; Operetta 2-3-4; Scenery Manager for Senior Play; Class Prophecy.



2nd Lieutenant, Army
228 Signal Ops. Co.

*Evaded capture in Bataan but later recaptured in Corregidor, Philippines
Prisoner of War of the Japanese from 1942 – 1944*

*Prisoner transport ship sunk enroute to Japan
KIA WWII – 24 Oct 1944 (30 years old)*

Springfield Republican
April 21, 1942, p. 3

Springfield Republican
August 8, 1942, p.18

AGAWAM MAN ESCAPES FROM JAPS ON BATAAN

News was received yesterday that Lieut. Frank M. Goss of Agawam escaped from the Japanese on Bataan peninsula and reached the island fortress of Corregidor safely.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Goss of 799 Main street, the former Agawam high school football star and former employe of Tiff Brothers brokerage office in this city, Goss safely made the dash from Bataan to Corregidor just before the peninsula fell to the Japs.

Not since a postcard in February had the family heard from him though they feared the worst in the fall of Bataan. That postcard, however, had some good news for it brought word of the rapid rise of young Goss since his enlistment in August, 1939. He signed the post card "Lieut. Goss" to let his parents know of his latest promotion.

The wire dispatch told that Goss was one of those chosen to be evacuated from Bataan and to help keep the fight going from rock-bound Corregidor until the night of the United Nations should release the circle of Japanese steel that binds the Philippines.

Lieut. Goss has a brother in the service, Sergt. Donald Goss of Camp Edwards, and he has two sisters, Miss Jean Goss and Mrs. Charles Toussaint.

Wednesday will be his 28th birthday so that the family will have a double occasion to mark the day, knowing that he is alive to pass that milestone. Christmas was also a happy holiday for the Goss family for on the eve of the holiday a radiogram brought news that he was safe then in Manila. When previously heard from, he had been at Fort McKinley, near the Cavite naval base.

Lieut. Frank M. Goss, son of Mrs. Frank T. Goss of 799 Main street, Agawam, is a prisoner of war following the fall of Corregidor, the mother was informed yesterday. She received the news in a letter from an army nurse whom she had contacted on the chance the nurse might know of her son's whereabouts. The nurse, Miss Dorothy M. Daley, wrote Mrs. Goss saying she had ridden in an army truck driven by the lieutenant when the nurse corps was evacuated from the island fortress. After that the nurse said she had not seen the Agawam officer but at that time Lieut. Goss had not been injured and it was supposed he had been taken prisoner along with those who had stayed to complete evacuation of women and noncombatant persons from the island.



After three years of uncertainty for the Goss Family....

Springfield Republican

June 22, 1945

p. 2



GOSS, RABINOVITZ REPORTED KILLED

Listed by Japs Among Men Lost When Transport Sunk at Sea

Lieut Frank M. Goss, son, of Mr and Mrs Frank Goss of Agawam and Staff Sergt Harold J. Rabinovitz, son of Dr and Mrs Bernard Rabinovitz of Sumner avenue, were lost last October 31 when a transport on which they were being taken from the Philippines to Japan was sunk by submarine action in the South China sea. Both servicemen had been prisoners of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor.

Parents of both young men were notified yesterday that their names appeared on a list provided by the Japanese government to the International Red Cross, of American soldiers lost in the sinking of the transport.

Lieut Goss entered service in August, 1939, and at the outbreak of the war was stationed at Fort McKinley in Manila.

Sergt Rabinovitz entered service in June, 1941, and after a brief stay at Westover field was shipped to the Philippines.

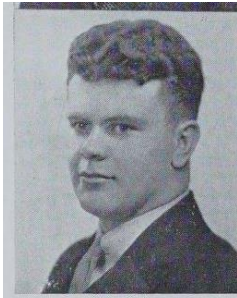
2nd Lieutenant Frank Goss is listed in the Manila American Cemetery as MIA



Brady, Joseph John, Jr.

Adams Street

AHS Class of 1938



Joseph John Brady, Jr.

Adams Street, Agawam

"Joe"

"Plain dealing is the best when all is done."

Camera Club 4, Treasurer 4; Senior Play Committee.



1st Lieutenant
Army Air Corps



Pilot – awarded Air Medal for Service in North Africa / Italy

Serving as a flight instructor when he was killed in mid-air collision in South Carolina

DNB WWII – 13 Nov 1944 (24 years old)

Springfield Republican
October 17, 1944 p. 3

SIX DEAD IN CRASH FATAL TO BRADY

Son of Agawam Postmaster One of Two Officers and Four Enlisted Men in Colli- sion of Bombers

First Lieut. Joseph J. Brady, son of Postmaster Mary Brady of Agawam, was one of two officers killed Sunday in the collision of two light bombers near Lake City, S. C., which also took the lives of four enlisted men. The Florence army air field in South Carolina announced yesterday. Both planes were demolished.

Others killed in the crash were Second Lieut. Robert M. Nuckolls of Oakland, Cal., Staff Sergt. William F. Renta of Gilberton, Cal., Sergt. William J. Mann of Progress, Pa., Corp. William J. Collier of Hamden, Ct., and Corp. Richard M. Lavinder of West Virginia.

A graduate of Agawam high school, Lieut. Brady entered the air forces in December, 1941. He was commissioned a pilot at Valdosta, Ga., and received combat training at several bases in this country before going into actual combat. He saw action over Italy, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily and Greece. He won the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. At the time of his death he was serving as an instructor at the Florence army air base, S. C.

He leaves his mother, three sisters, Lieut. Dorothy Brady of the army nurse corps stationed in Clovis, N. M.; Elizabeth E. and Marjorie, and his grandmother, Mrs. John J. Collier of Spring street, Springfield.

The funeral will be held at the Curran-Jones funeral home in West Springfield, with solemn high mass of requiem at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Burial will be in St. Michael's cemetery.



LIEUT JOSEPH J. BRADY



JOSEPH J. BRADY



Springfield Union August 18, 1949 p. 22

AGAWAM NAMES HOME PROJECT FOR J. B. BRADY

Elaine Wolcott's Winning
Essay Honors Air
Force Hero

Agawam, Aug. 17--The Agawam Veterans' housing project will be officially named the "Joseph B. Brady Village," Harry N. Abell, Jr., clerk of the Agawam Housing Authority, announced this afternoon.

Son of Postmaster

Lt. Brady was a veteran of 51 bombing missions over Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and Greece and was killed in an airplane training accident in 1944 after returning to this country and being assigned as an instructor. He was the son of Postmaster Mary Brady.

The name was selected by the Housing Authority from an essay submitted by Elaine Wolcott in a competition participation by pupils of the Agawam High School English department. A large number of essays were submitted and several names suggested but the paper by Miss Wolcott was considered to have best presented her reasons for naming the village after Lt. Brady.

Lt. Brady was born in Agawam,

LT. JOSEPH J. BRADY

son of Mary (Kelliher) Brady and the late Joseph Brady. He graduated from the Agawam High School in 1938 and worked in the Atlantic and Pacific stores while taking extension courses at the University of Massachusetts. He later worked for a time at the Armory in Springfield.

Enlisted in 1941

He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1941, going first to Maxwell Field and later to Helena, Ark., Greenville, Miss., and then to Valdosta, Ga., where he was commissioned a second Lt. in August, 1942. He was assigned to Columbia, S. C., as a member of the 310th Bombing Group, 377th Bombing Squadron on a B-25.

In September 1942, he went to Presque Isle, Me., and in October of that year to Goose Bay Labrador, which he left on Oct. 19 for BWL, Greenland.

He returned to the United States, Dec. 1942, and in May of the next year flew to French West Africa by way of Brazil, arriving on May 31. During his tour of duty in the Mediterranean theater he flew 51 bombing missions over Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and Greece, participating in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Naples, Foggia campaigns.

Lt. Brady was awarded the Air Medal with several Oak Leaf clusters during his overseas service. He was promoted to first lieutenant in August, 1943, and assigned to the 321st Bomb Group, 446th Bombing Squadron.

He returned to this country in February, 1944, and, after a rest at home, was assigned as an instructor at the Army air base at Florence, S. C. He was killed in an airplane training accident near Lake City, S. C. the day before his 21st birthday, Oct. 15, 1944.



LT. JOSEPH J. BRADY

Brady Village, originally a Veterans' housing project in Agawam, named in his honor.



Goodhue, Elmer Joseph

150 Walnut Street

AHS Class of 1940



Elmer Joseph Goodhue 150 Walnut Street, North Agawam
"Blondie"
"The King of Terrors."

Senior Play; Freshman Class Assembly; Maytime Concert
2-3; Kiwanis Club Concert 1; Operetta 3-4; Glee Club 2-3-4.

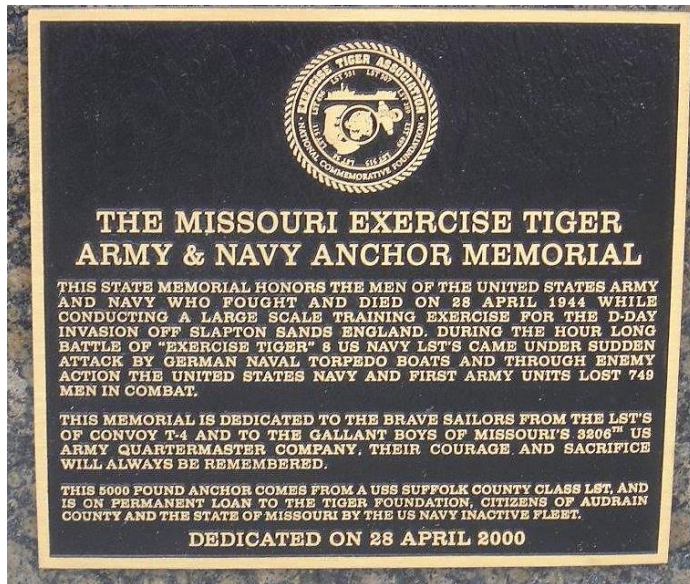


Corporal
389th Quartermaster
Truck Company

*Killed during "Exercise Tiger" maneuvers
Slapton Sands, England*

KIA WW II - 28 April 1944 (22 years old)

Springfield Republican
May 20, 1944 p. 2



Killed in Action

CORP ELMER J. GOODHUE

Corp Elmer J. Goodhue, son of Mrs Mary C. Goodhue, formerly of 26 Byers street and now of Worcester, was killed in action on April 28 in the European area, according to a war department telegram received by his mother. Corp Goodhue was graduated from Agawam high school, class of 1940, and was employed at the Springfield Armory before entering service in December, 1942. He trained at Fort Devens, Fort Custer, Mich., and Camp Phillip, Kan., and left for overseas service last November. He was stationed in England.

Though not stated in the newspaper article at the time for security reasons, Elmer Goodhue was one of 749 American soldiers and sailors killed in "Exercise Tiger", a large scale, live fire training exercise which took place at Slapton Sands, Devon, England on April 27 and 28, 1944 in preparation for the upcoming D Day landings. Command and control breakdowns among Allied forces led to friendly fire incidents and unexpected attacks by German torpedo boats led to the high number of casualties for a training exercise.

Lessons learned during "Exercise Tiger" contributed to the success of the D Day landings on June 6, 1944.

Elmer Goodhue's name is commemorated on the "Exercise Tiger" Memorial at Torcross, England. He is buried at the Cambridge American Cemetery in Coton, England.



Brusseau, Philip Henry

North Street

AHS Class of 1941



PHILIP HENRY BRUSSEAU North Street, West Agawam
"PHIL"
"Men of few words are the best men."
Senior Play; Operetta 2; Baseball 2-3; Maytime Concert 1-2; Hi-Y 4; Orchestra 1-2.



1st Lieutenant
8th Air Force
303 Bomb Squadron

*B 17 Co - Pilot - 8th Air Force / England
Just weeks after being promoted to 1st Lt.
he died of wounds suffered in an air crash*



DNB WW II - 23 Oct 1944 (21 years old)

Springfield Republican
November 7, 1944 p.2

Springfield Republican
November 18, 1944 p.4

Lieut. Philip H. Brusseau
Philip H. Brusseau has been made a first lieutenant in the army air corps. The son of Mr and Mrs Alfred J. Brusseau of North street, Feeding Hills. Lieut Brusseau is a copilot on a Flying Fortress and is stationed at an 8th AAF bomber station in England. He is a graduate of Agawam high school.

AGAWAM
LIEUT BRUSSEAU DIES
FROM CRASH INJURIES
Death Occurred October 23,
Parents Are Notified —
Overseas Since June

Ariz., and Camp Douglas, Ariz., where he received his commission. From Camp Santa Anna, Cal., he left for overseas last June. He was a graduate of Agawam high school and was employed by Armour & Co before entering the service.

Besides his parents, he leaves his wife, the former Charlotte Rabins of Long Beach, Cal.; five brothers, Pierre of Easthampton, Private Paul E., stationed at Camp Howze, Tex.; Pvt Francis E., now serving in Germany; John and Ernest, at home; and four sisters, Rose, Cecile, Lucille and Lillian, also at home.

A memorial service will be held at 9 on the 30th at St. Theresa's church, North Agawam. His wife and her mother will arrive from California sometime Tuesday.



LIEUT. PHILIP BRUSSEAU

Agawam, Nov. 17—Mr and Mrs Alfred Brusseau of North street, Feeding Hills, received word Tuesday that their son, Lieut Philip Brusseau, had been injured in an air crash October 21, which resulted in his death the 23d. Word was received from his wife in Long Beach, Cal., who had been notified by the government.

Lieut Brusseau entered the service in September, 1942, and received his training at Camp Myers, Fla.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Thunderbird field,

INTERMENT IN THE WOODLAWN NATIONAL CEMETERY									
TO: THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.									
NAME (Last, first, middle initial) BRUSSEAU, Philip H									
STATE <u>Mass</u>									
RANK 1st Lt									
SERIAL NO. 0 767985									
603rd Bomb Sq 398th Bomb Gr									
DATE OF BIRTH 9/21/21									
DATE OF DEATH 10/23/44									
DATE OF INTERMENT Jan 10 1949									
GRAVE LOCATION F 4042									
ENLISTMENT									
DIED ON A. D. X									
DISCHARGE									
RETIRED									
REMARKS (Authority for interment, person or claim number, disbursement, etc.)									
WW II deceased returned from Cambridge, British Isles.									
OQMG Form 315 mailed 10 January, rec'd 20 January.									
DATE HEADSTONE ORDERED AND NO. NUMBER									
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SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY OR ON OF POST OR POW CEMETERY									
JAMES M. Griffin									
RAILROAD STATION FOR FREIGHT									
Elmira, N.Y.									
POST OFFICE ADDRESS									
Elmira, N.Y.									

His body was returned from England in 1949 for internment at the Woodlawn National Cemetery at Elmira, N.Y.



Magiera, Julian

106 Moore Street AHS

AHS Class of 1943

JULIAN MAGIERA 106 Moore Street, North Agawam
Mag—biggest joy is a good argument—life's just one big debate for Julian—letters in football, basketball, and track.
Student Council 3-4; Mirror Staff 3-4; Camera Club 4; Personality Club 4; Operetta 3; Operetta Committee 3; Hi-Y 3; Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; Sophomore Party Committee; Prom Committee; Cabaret Committee; Cabaret Entertainment; Kid Party Entertainment; Sachem Staff.



Corporal
US Army Air Force

*While training to be an aerial gunner
he died in crash of Liberator Bomber in Tucson, Arizona*

DNB WW II - 30 Nov 1944 (20 years old)

Springfield Daily News
December 1, 1944 p. 1, 16

Springfield Daily News
December 9, 1944 p. 9

North Agawam Flier Killed in Ariz. Crash

JULIAN J. MAGIERA

North Agawam, Dec. 1—Corp Julian J. Magiera, 20, was killed in the crash of a Liberator bomber at Monthan field, Tucson, Ariz., yesterday, according to word received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Magiera, 106 Moore street, today. Details of the accident were not furnished.

A native of Springfield, Corp Magiera moved to North Agawam with his parents when a youth and attended high school in Agawam where he took part in athletics and won

letters in football, basketball and track.

He was a member of the staff of the school publication and the graduating class annual and a member of the student council. After graduation he entered the army air forces as an aviation cadet July 16, 1943 and was trained as an aerial gunner.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Eugene, seaman, second class, who is stationed at Indianapolis, Ind., and Thaddeus, at home and a sister, Betty.

The funeral arrangements will be under the direction of the Curran-Jones funeral home, West Springfield and burial will be in St Thomas cemetery.

"The Senior class of Agawam High School attended in a body."

*For many years after his death, the Julian Magiera award given to the outstanding
Member of Student Council at AHS.*

MILITARY RITES HELD FOR FLIER

Requiem High Mass Celebrated For Corp Magiera

A military funeral was held today for Corp Julian J. Magiera, 20, of the army air forces, killed in the crash of a plane at Tucson, Ariz., on November 30, at the Curran-Jones funeral home, West Springfield, with a solemn requiem high mass following in St. Anthony's church, North Agawam.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs Edward Magiera of 106 Moore street, North Agawam.

Rev Dante Turri was celebrant, Very Rev Charles Zanotti, deacon, and Rev Adolphus Ferrari, sub-deacon. Bearers, members of Agawam post, American Legion, were Henry McGowan, Arnold Peterson, Walter Kerr, George Moore, Roland Reed and Frank Draghetti. A firing squad from Westover field fired a volley at the cemetery. The squad was in charge of Sergt Raymond W. Doris and included Sergt Thomas Arnold, Pvt Robert Kirk, Pvt Edward Halpner and Sergt Albert Rainone, bugler.

The senior class of Agawam high school attended in a body. The airman was graduated from high school last June and was in his last phase of training when he was killed.

Burial was in St Thomas cemetery where Father Turri read the committal services at the grave.



Hackett, Charles

Leonard Street

Left Class of '43 prior to
graduation to join the Army*

Photo taken from 1944 AHS Yearbook honoring
The 18 servicemen who left AHS prior to graduation
to serve in the armed forces after December of 1942



Pfc. United States Army



**This document highlights graduates of Agawam High School who died in military service.*

Pfc. Hackett was not a graduate because he chose to leave early to join the armed forces. Future research will attempt to identify other servicemen who attended AHS and died in military service.

KIA 8 Nov 1944

Blainville sur Leau, France (age 19 years old)

Springfield Daily News
December 5, 1944 p.13

Springfield Republican
March 26, 1944 p. 18

AGAWAM
SCHOOL TO PAY
HEROES TRIBUTE
Corp Magiera and Pvt Hackett
To Be Honored

Agawam, Dec. 5—A memorial assembly was held yesterday morning at the Agawam high school for Pfc Charles A. Hackett, son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Hackett, of Leonard street, who died November 8 near Blainville, Sur Leau, France, and Corp Julian J. Magiera, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Magiera of Moore street, who was killed in a crash of a Liberator bomber at Monthar field, Tucson, Ariz, November 30.

Both boys attended the Agawam school with Pfc Hackett leaving school in 1943 to enlist in the army and Corp Magiera graduating and entering the army air forces as an aviation cadet in 1943.



Charles Hackett, the former Agawam High footballer, is now over in England and V-mail from him conveys the thought that he finds that country very quiet and serene. Evidently he's stationed out in the country and he says he finds lots of time to write letters. He doesn't seem to like the damp weather. "I don't know where the sun hides," he writes. "Maybe it's rationed like everything else over here."

Springfield Daily News
December 22, 1944 p.2

ANNIVERSARY MASS

A high mass of requiem will be held for Pfc Charles A. Hackett, who died in France, November 8, 1944, at the Immaculate Conception church, West Springfield, at 8 o'clock, Saturday morning, December 23.



Pohner, William

North Westfield Street

AHS Class of 1943

WILLIAM POHNER North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills
Jake—quite the artist—lounges in class—dark eyes—All-Western
 Massachusetts Tackle—never has an excuse slip.
 Football 1-2-3-4; Track 3.



Captain
United States Air Force



Pilot – 18th AF / 428th FBS

**Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters
 for service during WWII and Korea**



*Entered the Army Air Force on July, 1 1943 following graduation from Agawam High School.
 Successfully completed 7 months cadet training before graduating as a navigator.*

*Flew 25 combat missions with the 8th Air Force on B24 aircraft, 15 as group lead
 navigator and 2 as wing lead navigator.*

*F-100 Super Sabre Jet he was piloting crashed on takeoff at Cannon AFB, New Mexico
 He was pulled from the wreckage alive, but died of his injuries the next day*

DNB – 24 Oct 1957 (33 years old)



CAPT. WILLIAM H. POHNER

CAPT. POHNER, FEEDING HILLS, DIES IN CRASH

**Jet Fighter Pilot in Plane Ac-
 cident in New
 Mexico**

Capt. William H. Pohner, 33, of Feeding Hills died last night in Clovis, N. M., of injuries he suffered when his jet plane crashed shortly after taking off from Cannon Air Force Base Thursday.

The F100D fighter crashed about two miles west of the base. Air Force officials said Capt. Pohner did not have enough altitude to bail out.

His injuries included a concussion, a broken back and burns.

Capt. Pohner, whose wife and three children live at the base, won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters for service in World War II and in Korea.

Cause of the crash has not been determined, according to a base spokesman.

Three civilian employees of the base pulled Capt. Pohner from the flaming wreckage, a base spokesman said.

Capt. Pohner was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pohner of 160 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills. He had been in the Air Force since 1943.

Capt. Pohner was a graduate of Agawam High School and was married to the former Barbara Omara of New York City.

He had been stationed at Cannon since September of this year.

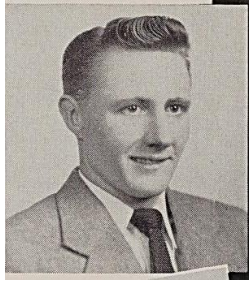
Cannon Air Force Base is attached to the Tactical Air Command.



Hobbs, Clement B.

95 Carr Avenue

AHS Class of 1953



CLEMENT B. HOBBS

95 Carr Avenue, Agawam

"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight."

Scholastic Athletic Award; Glee Club 3-4; Operetta 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior Play; Football 1-2-3-4.



Corporal, U.S.M.C.

*After serving a year in Korea as a Marine Corps Engineer
he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California
where he died in an auto accident.*

DNB 17 July 1955 (21 years old)

Agawam Marine Is Killed In California Auto Crash

**Cpl. Clement B. Hobbs, 21, Dies Early Sunday at
Huntington Beach; Had Been in Korea**

Marine Cpl. Clement B. Hobbs, 21-year-old only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Hobbs of 95 Carr Ave., Agawam, died at 1.30 a. m. Sunday from injuries received in an auto accident, a telegram from his commanding officer in Huntington Beach, Cal., informed his parents last night.

Cpl. Hobbs has returned from duty in Korea in April and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Cal. Details of the accident were not immediately supplied.

Born in Proctor, Vt., on Dec. 19, 1933, he was the son of Clement and Dorothy (Fredette) Hobbs, and had made Agawam his residence for the past seven years, spending the last two years in the Marine Corps.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School in the class of 1953. While in high school, he was a member of the football team for four years and was the winner

AGAWAM MARINE

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of the Scholastic Athletic Award given members of athletic teams who maintain an honor average scholastically.

He was a member of the Glee Club his junior and senior years in high school, and was one of the supporting actors in the school operetta his last year. He also served on several extra-curricular dance and other activities committees and appeared in the senior play. He was a graduate of the Marine Corps Engineers School and spent a year in Korea.

His parents are his only survivors. A military funeral will be held in the Agawam Congregational Church with Rev. Eben T. Chapman officiating. Arrangements, in charge of the Curran-Jones funeral home, are incomplete. Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Agawam.

For many years after his death, the Clement Hobbs Award presented to outstanding AHS football lineman.



Gallerani, Lawrence A.

61 Oak Hill Avenue

AHS Class of 1955 (SC President)

LAWRENCE ALLAN GALLERANI 61 Oak Hill Avenue, Agawam
Larry—Always tired—capable president of Student Council—can be found at the drugstore.

Class Treasurer 3; Student Council 2-3-4; President 4; Model Congress 2-3-4; Freshman Party Committee; Sophomore Party Committee; Junior Cabaret Committee; Prom Committee; Prom Usher; Graduation Usher; Kid Party Committee; *Sachem* Staff; Glee Club 3-4; Glee Club and Band Concerts 3-4; Maytime Concert 3-4; Operetta 3; Personality Club 2-3; *Mirror* Staff 2-3-4; President Western Mass. Association of Student Councils 4; Alternate Good Government Day; Senior Play.



Lieutenant
Navy Dental Corps

*Days after spending a week at home on leave in Agawam
Dr. Gallerani was killed in the crash of a military transport aircraft
enroute to his new assignment in Manila, Philippines.*

DNB 11 May 1964 - Vietnam Era (26 years old)

Springfield Union May 12, 1964 p.1

Springfield Daily New
May 12, 1964 p.21

Agawam Man, Son of Holyoke Couple Missing

At Least 87 Die as Three Military Planes Crash

Lt. Gallerani, Capt. Meyer Aboard Jet

Both Passengers On Transport in Philippines Accident

AGAWAM—The U. S. Navy late Monday night notified the family of Lt. Lawrence Gallerani of this town that he was among those missing in the crash of a U. S. military jet in Manila.

Son of Holyoke Couple Listed
Also listed as missing was Capt. Frederick W. Meyer of 43 Nickerson St., Teaticket, Mass. The parents of Capt. Meyer were



LT. LAWRENCE GALLERANI

Agawam Man

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a new post in Manila from Camp Pendleton, Cal., where he served as a dental surgeon in the Navy Dental Corps.

He had been home for five days between assignments and left Agawam last Wednesday.

The telegram, delivered at 10.02 p. m. Monday night, said that the Navy regretted to inform the family that Lt. Gallerani was "on board" the plane and was "in the accident" but was among those missing in the crash fatal to 75.

A sister, Mrs. Lorraine Labun, also of Oak Hill Ave., told The Union the parents were overcome upon receipt of the telegram and both were administered oxygen by Agawam police. They did not require hospitalization.

AIC Graduate

Dr. Gallerani was commissioned a Lieutenant (senior grade) in the Navy Dental Corps in July, 1963 for a two-year tour of duty. He is a graduate of Agawam High School and American International College. He received his D.D.S. degree from the dental school of the University of Maryland in Baltimore in 1962. He then spent a year of internship at Grace New Haven Hospital, part of the Yale Medical Center.

While at AIC he was a member of Phi Delta Mu fraternity and the student government. At Baltimore, he was president, during his senior year, of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity.

Besides his parents and sister, Mrs. Labun, he has four brothers, Vincent, Alfred, Arthur and Edward, all of Agawam.

2 Area Men Are Missing

Both in Military Jet Crash In Manila

The Navy last night notified the family of Lt. Lawrence Gallerani of Agawam that he was among those missing in the crash of a military jet in Manila, taking a toll of 75 lives. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arsenio Gallerani of 61 Oak Hill Ave.

Also listed as missing was Capt. Frederick W. Meyer of 43 Nickerson St., Teaticket. The parents of Capt. Meyer were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Meyer of 20 Longwood St., Holyoke. A native of Holyoke, Capt. Meyer has been in the Air Force for 13 years. His father is an employee of Livingston Worsted Mills, Inc.

Lt. Gallerani, 26, was flying to a new post in Manila from Camp Pendleton, Cal., where he served as a dental surgeon in the Navy Dental Corps. He had been home for five days prior to assignment and left Agawam last Wednesday.



Springfield Daily News

May 13, 1964 p.4

Confirm Deaths Of Local Men

Navy Telegram Received by Lt. Gallerani's Family

The U. S. Navy last night confirmed that Lt. Lawrence Gallerani of Agawam was killed Monday in the crash of a U. S. military jet at Clark Air Force Base in Manila, in the Philippines.

Lt. Gallerani, 26, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arsenio Gallerani of 61 Oak Hill Ave.

Death Confirmed

His sister, Mrs. Lorraine Labun, also of Oak Hill Ave., said a telegram was received

by the family yesterday. The message from the Navy confirmed that Lt. Gallerani was one of the 83 servicemen aboard the Military Air Transport Service Flight 533 en route from Travis Air Force Base, Cal., to Manila and that he was one of the 77 killed in that crash. The telegram said that positive individual identification of the crash victims was not possible.

The telegram added that a letter from the commanding officer would follow with details of the circumstances surrounding the death of Lt. Gallerani.

Holyoke Captain

Also killed in the crash was Capt. Frederick W. Meyer, husband of Mrs. Caroline Meyer of 43 Nickerson St., Teaticket section of Falmouth, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Meyer of 20 Longwood St., Holyoke. Capt. Meyer, a native of Holyoke, had been in the Air Force for 13 years.

Lt. Gallerani was flying to a new post in Manila from Camp Pendleton, Cal., where he had served as a dental surgeon in the Navy Dental Corps. He had been home for five days between assignments and had left Agawam last Wednesday.

Besides his parents and sister, Lt. Gallerani leaves four brothers, Vincent, Alfred, Arthur and Edward, all of Agawam.

Springfield Daily News

May 19, 1964 p. 16



LT. GALLERANI'S RITES THURSDAY

Navy Lt. Lawrence A. Gallerani, 26, a native of Agawam, was killed in the Philippines on the 11th in the crash of a Military Air Transport plane.

He was born in Agawam, Aug. 25, 1937, son of Arsenio and Emeline (Balboni) Gallerani, and had been a lifelong resident of Agawam.

Dr. Gallerani was commissioned a lieutenant senior grade in the Navy Dental Corps in July 1963.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School and American International College. He received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the dental school of the University of Maryland in 1962. Lt. Gallerani interned at the Grace New Haven Hospital, part of the Yale Medical Center. At AIC, he was a member of the Phi Delta Mu fraternity and the student government. He was president of the dental fraternity Xi Psi Phi, University of Maryland.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Lorraine Labun and four brothers, Vincent J., Alfred, Arthur W. and Edward, all of Agawam.

The funeral will be held at the Dalton funeral home, Agawam, Thursday morning with a solemn requiem high mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, North Agawam. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Visiting hours are tonight from 7 to 9 and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Springfield Daily News

May 16, 1964 p. 3

Lt. Gallerani's Body To Return Home Soon

AGAWAM—The body of Lt. Lawrence Gallerani, killed in the crash of a jet at Clark Field, Manila, has been recovered and identified, the Navy Department has notified members of his family. The body will be sent to Agawam in the near future and the Dalton funeral home will be in charge of the services, details of which will be announced.

Do To The Death Of Lt. Lawrence A. Gallerani

United States Navy

Both

The Edward's Drug Store

and

Arthur Drug Center

of Agawam

Will Be Closed Thursday Until 1 P.M.

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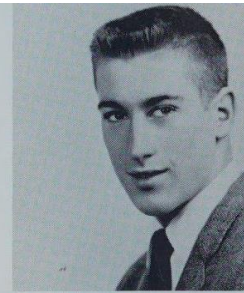


EDWARD CONNELLY

28 Federal Avenue

Ned ... Connie ... smart ... Miss Smith's pet peeve ... tease!!

Junior Cabaret Committee; Prom Committee; Kid Party Committee; Biology Club 2; Ski Club; Weightlifting Club; Football 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Dance Band 1, 2; Tri-State Band Festival; Western Mass. Band Festival; Sachem Staff.



Captain,
U.S.M.C.



United States Marine Corps Aviator
Awarded the Silver Star (posthumously
for bravery trying to save the lives of fellow Marines

On a medivac mission the CH 46 helicopter he was piloting

was downed by enemy ground fire –
he survived the impact but was killed in the ensuing fire fight.

KIA 5 May 1968 – Vietnam (24 years old)

Springfield Daily News May 8, 1968 p.1

Agawam Official's Son Dies in Viet

Agawam Marine Capt. Killed in Viet Action

AGAWAM — The oldest son or two weeks, depending on of Selectman and Mrs. Edward airlift capabilities. Funeral at W. Connelly Sr., of 565 River rangements have been deferred Rd. has been killed in action in until that time Vietnam.

The Connellys have two other sons, Michael, who is with the U.S. Navy in South Carolina, and John, a sophomore at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. Captain Connelly was stationed with Marine Helicopter Squadron 165 with the First Marine Air Wing. The type helicopter he piloted, according to Major Chapman, carries about six persons and is commonly used to bring in supplies and medical evacuation teams to fighting units. It is not known if his helicopter was carrying passengers when it was shot down.

The Connellys were notified of their son's death Tuesday by Marine Major Edward Chapman of the Marine Reserve unit in Springfield.

Major Chapman told the Connellys that the medium helicopter their son was piloting was damaged by small arms fire on May 5. It crashed and burned. Captain Connelly was then killed, also by small arms fire.

The major said Captain Connelly's body would arrive in Agawam probably within one

or two weeks, depending on of Selectman and Mrs. Edward airlift capabilities. Funeral at W. Connelly Sr., of 565 River rangements have been deferred Rd. has been killed in action in until that time Vietnam.

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Young Connelly joined the Marines in October, 1965, after graduating from Brown University. He graduated from Naval Aviation School at Pensacola, Fla., in 1967 and was assigned to Vietnam last August.

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at Agawam High he played varsity football and was a member of many school committees. He played in the school band and was a member of the Ski Club and the Biology Club.

He also was active in scouting and had attained the rank of Eagle Scout. His tour of duty had only four more months to run.

On Grid Team

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His tour of duty had only four more months to run.





Connelly, Edward W. Jr. "Ned"

28 Federal Avenue

AHS Class of 1961

Springfield Daily News
May 10, 1968, p. 4

Springfield Daily News
May 21, 1968 p. 3



Agawam Mourns Dead Marine Capt.

AGAWAM The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for Monday night has been canceled out of respect for the late Capt. Edward W. Connelly Jr. Marine helicopter pilot and son of Selectman Connelly, who was killed in action in Vietnam May 5. Town flags are being flown at half staff, by order of the selectmen.

Marine Burial Set Wednesday

AGAWAM Town government and social activities here slowed this week as final arrangements were made for the funeral of Marine Captain Edward W. Connelly Jr. the oldest son of Selectman and Mrs. Edward Connelly.

John Dalton of Dalton's funeral home at 954 Main St. said today it looked like the town turned out during the calling hours to pay their respects to the Connellys Monday night. Calling hours are also today at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Selectmen also postponed their meeting last week and this week until after the funeral.

The opening of the new center for older citizens on Main St. planned weeks ago for Wednesday was delayed from 1 p.m. to after 3 p.m. to allow for the funeral of Captain Connelly, which has been scheduled for 2 p.m. with full military honors from the Agawam Congregational Church.



Captain Edward "Ned" Connelly Memorial
at the entrance to Agawam High School
honoring all who served in Vietnam.



***The Captain Edward W. Connelly Jr.
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
located at the entrance to AHS***



Captain Connelly's Silver Star citation reads in part ...

"As the section leader of a flight of two CH-46 Helicopters assigned an emergency medical evacuation mission in support of a friendly unit... Captain Connelly was advised that two groups of Marines had been pinned down for fifteen hours within 150 meters of enemy positions and had sustained casualties.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Captain Connelly unhesitatingly commenced his approach to the fire swept landing zone and immediately came under a heavy volume of accurate fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he skillfully landed his aircraft in the hazardous area and expeditiously embarked several Marines.

Although his helicopter was under intense hostile fire, he fearlessly elected to extract the second group.

Upon making his approach the aircraft sustained serious damage from enemy fire and crashed in a rice paddy. Rapidly exiting the burning helicopter, he maneuvered to a nearby position where he was mortally wounded while awaiting a rescue helicopter.

His bold initiative and sense of concern for the welfare of his comrades inspired all who served with him.

***By his courage, superior airmanship, and selfless devotion to duty
Captain Connelly upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps...***

He gallantly gave his life for his country."



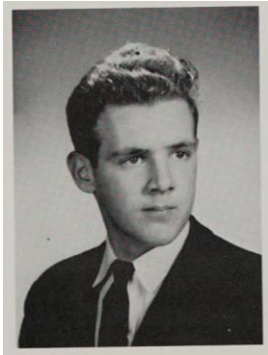


Meade

Michael

252 Silver Street

AHS Class of 1963



MICHAEL A. MEADE

Can always be seen in the shops . . .
carefree and sleepy . . . animal calls . . .
3 A.M. walks . . . Storrown town waiter
. . . English IV . . . on the scene . . .
future social walker . . . Mike



Corpsman 2nd Class
United States Navy

*Awarded Bronze Star and Purple Heart
assisting wounded while under enemy fire
in Vietnam*

*After tour of duty in Vietnam he was reassigned to the United States --
He was killed in an auto accident in New Hampshire.*



DNB 27 July 1968 / Vietnam Era (age 23)

Springfield Daily News

July 2, 1968 p. 5

Springfield Union

July 27, 1968 p. 74

Navy Hospital Corpsman Decorated for Heroism

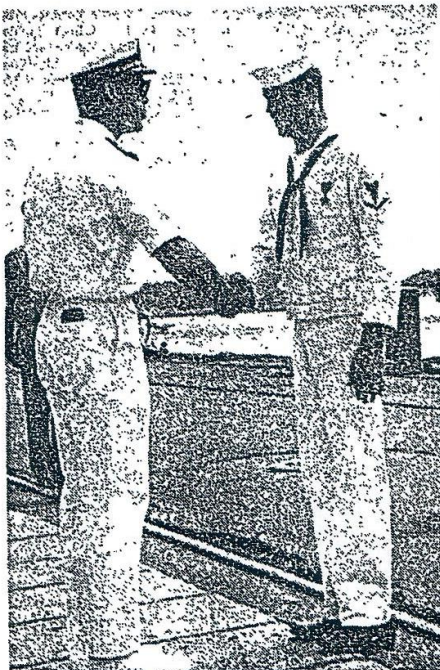
For heroism while under fire in Vietnam, Navy Hospital Corpsman 2d Class Michael A. Meade of Agawam was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Son of Mrs. June Meade of 252 Silver St., Agawam, Meade was decorated at the Naval Training Center, Portsmouth, N.H.

His citation reads that Meade was assigned with Company M, Third Battalion 26th Marines last September when the unit came under intense small arms, rocket and mortar fire from a superior force of North Vietnamese army regulars southwest of Con Thien. Observing a seriously wounded Marine lying in an area dangerously exposed to enemy fire, Meade immediately ran toward the man.

While crossing the fire-swept terrain, Meade was thrown to the ground on two occasions by the force of exploding rocket and mortar rounds. Although painfully wounded by fragments from the enemy rounds, he regained his feet and resolutely continued to move across the hazardous areas until he reached the side of his injured comrade and moved him to a helicopter landing zone and placed him aboard a medical evacuation aircraft.

Refusing medical evacuation for himself, he remained in the area to assist the wounded and supervise their evacuation.



FOR HEROISM UNDER FIRE—Navy Hospital Corpsman Michael A. Meade of Agawam has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroism under fire while in Vietnam. Congratulating him is his commanding officer at the Naval Training Center in Portsmouth, N.H.

Crash Kills Hero Of Vietnam War, Michael A. Meade

An Agawam man, who less than three weeks ago was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroism under fire, died Saturday when the car he was driving hit a tree in Hampton, N.H.

Michael A. Meade, 23, of 252 Silver St., Agawam, was pronounced dead on arrival 12:14 a.m. Saturday at Exeter General Hospital, N.H.

Meade was rounding a curve on Mace Street, according to Hampton police, when the 1965 Plymouth Barracuda he was driving hit a tree. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage, according to Rockingham County Medical Examiner, Dr. Wendell P. Clare.

Son of Mrs. June M. (Crover) Meade and the late Francis J. Meade who died in March, Meade was a Navy Hospital Corpsman 2d class. He received the bronze star this month at the Naval Training Center in Portsmouth, Md., where he was stationed.



D'Amato, Paul

105 Rowley Street

AHS Class of 1967



PAUL D'AMATO

Stodious ... neat and well-mannered
... always seen with Sarat ... drives
a Ford ... small but powerful ...
Paul



SP 4

327th Infantry Regiment
101st Airborne Division

Paul John D'Amato Jr. was born on January 11, 1949 and a resident of Agawam, MA. He was serving with the 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. On December 24, 1970, just 1.75 hours before cease fire was to go into effect, he was holding a night defensive position in Thua Thien Province.

He was killed by a friendly artillery shell. (age 21)

Springfield Union December 30, p. 1

A 21 - year - old Agawam man was one of nine Americans killed Christmas Eve near Hue, South Vietnam when American artillery shell crashed into the patrol.

Paul J. D'Amato of 105 Rowley St., Agawam, assigned to company A 327th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, was in bivouac area when the 105 mm shell accidentally landed in the area, killing him and eight others, and wounding nine Americans and a former enemy scouting for the U.S., it was reported.

The Christmas Eve incident occurred less than two hours before the start of the allied cease fire at 6 p.m.

D'Amato was born in Springfield Jan. 14, 1949, and had lived in Agawam most of his life, graduating from Agawam High School in 1967.

In January 1969, he was graduated from Porter Hill School of Engineering Design, and shortly after entered the service.

At Dix, Ord.

He served at Ft. Dix, N.J., and Ft. Ord, Calif., before being transferred to Vietnam in July, 1970. While in Vietnam, he was promoted to Specialist 4th class as a grenadier.

He leaves his paternal



PAUL J. D'AMATO

U.S. Shell Kills Agawam GI

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grandfather, Ralph D'Amato of Springfield, his parents, Paul J. and Catherine (Reilly) D'Amato; a brother, James, and a sister, Kathleen Ann, both of Agawam.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Toomey-O'Brien funeral home, West Springfield is in charge.

U.S. Shell Kills Agawam Soldier



Paul D'Amato wearing hat



Moynahan, John J.

140 Autumn Street

AHS Class of 1970



Corrections to articles below

John J. Moynahan is listed in the 1970 AHS Yearbook.
He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Haydenville, MA



SP 4
F Troop, 9th Cavalry
1st Cavalry Division

*Gunner aboard a UH 1H helicopter on a troop insertion mission.
Helicopter crashed into Dong Nai River killing all aboard.*

KIA 17 Mar 1972 Vietnam (21 years old)

Springfield Daily News
March 20, 1972 p. 6

Springfield Union
March 20, 1972 p. 19

Viet Helicopter Crashes, Kills Agawam GI

Spec. 4 John J. Moynahan, 20, son of former Chicopee Alderman Patrick T. Moynahan and Mrs. Helen F. (Ryan) Moynahan, of 140 Autumn St., Agawam, died Thursday after his helicopter crashed near the Dong Nai River, Vietnam.

Born in Chicopee July 27, 1951, he was a resident of Agawam for the past five years. He attended Williamsburg Elementary School and Cardinal Cushing Academy in Newbury. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1969.

He played football and was a member of the drama club at Cardinal Cushing Academy.

Sp. 4 J. J. Moynahan Killed in Action

School and Cardinal Cushing Academy in Newbury. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1969.

He played football and was a member of the drama club at Cardinal Cushing Academy.

He entered the service Feb. 22, 1971 and was stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. and Fort Lewis, in Seattle, Washington, before going to Vietnam in August, 1971.

Besides his parents he leaves two brothers, Joseph T. of West Springfield and Patrick T. Jr. of Goshen and three sisters, Major Patricia M. Moynahan of the Air Force stationed in Thailand, Miss Kathleen T. and Miss Maureen F., both at home.

The funeral will be at the Corridan funeral home, Chicopee with a liturgy of Christian burial at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee. The times are incomplete.



SP. 4 JOHN J. MOYNAHAN



Other AHS related works by the Author

AHS Gold Star Graduates / Those Who Died in Military Service During the World War 2, Korean War, and Vietnam War Eras

“Joyous and Ever Loyal...” / A Data Base and Anecdotal History of AHS Graduates 1924 – 1922
The First Hundred Years

“Sent to the Office” / A Data Base and Anecdotal History of AHS Principals and Superintendents
The First Hundred Years 1924 - 2022

“The Case for the Class of 1924” / Evidence confirming the first class at AHS, --the Class of 1924
The First 100 Classes / 1924 – 2023

Coming Soon

A Data Base and Anecdotal History of the AHS Faculty 1924 – 2023
The First 100 classes – the First 101 years

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1924 – present

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