One of six Durkin brothers in the armed forces, Pvt. James Durkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Durkin, 98 Mineral Spring Rd., was killed in action in Italy April 20. Serving with the infantry, Pvt. Durkin was inducted into the Army in June 1944 and had been overseas since last November. He was a graduate of St. Teresa’s School, South Park High School and attended Canisius College for three years. Before entering the Army, he was employed by the Buffalo Bakeries Corporation. A mass will be said for Pvt. Durkin at 9 o’clock Saturday in St. Teresa’s Church.

He was the last of the six brothers to enter the Army. His brothers are: T. Joseph, technician, fifth grade, stationed in England, has served in the Engineer Corps for three years; Sgt. J. Vincent, based in Casablanca, has been with the Air Transport Command three years; Sgt. Francis, who has been in the field artillery for four years and is somewhere in the Philippines; Sgt. William, stationed in Sacramento, Cal., with the ground forces of the Army Air Forces and has served 2½ years overseas; and Lieut. Ray P., a bombardier in the AAF, stationed at Las Vegas, Nev., who worked in the business office of The Buffalo Evening News before entering the armed forces two years ago.

Besides his parents and brothers, Pvt. James is survived by a sister, Mary T. Durkin.