3D Son Missing, Parents Learn All Since D-Day

First It Was the Nilands' Eldest Boy, Edward; Then Their Second Preston—and Now Robert

The secretary of war desires not to express his deep regret that your boy, Edward Niland, has been reported "missing in action".

Three times within the past year, the Nilands have received telegrams to the effect that their son, Edward, was "missing since May 20 in the Burma area." On no occasion has it been known whether the last message from Edward was from a neutral or an enemy, which makes the search for him all the more difficult.

The Nilands, of whom there are three, are all that is left of the family of Edward's father, who was killed in the war. Edward was the first of their sons to enlist, and the only one to go to the Far East. The other two, Preston and Robert, were both in the Western Front, but they have not been heard from since their return from overseas.

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Youngest Boy Safe

Then, on June 21, the telegram bore the news that Preston T. 29, of Tomball, had been wounded in action in France. The Nilands, who had been waiting for news of their sons for weeks, were overjoyed.

Edward, Preston, and Robert are the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Niland of Tomball. Mr. Niland was a captain in the army during the war and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Edward was killed in action on March 15, 1944, while serving with the 30th Infantry Division in the Ardennes Forest. Preston was wounded in action on July 15, 1944, while serving with the 2nd Armored Division in Germany. Robert was killed in action on November 23, 1944, while serving with the 16th Infantry Division in the Ardennes Forest.

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