

Tonawandans Lose Second Son in France

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Tonawanda, Aug. 4—A telegram from the War Department to Mr.

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R. J. Niland

and Mrs. Michael C. Niland of 145 Elmwood Pk., West, informed them today that their son Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Niland, a paratrooper, was killed during the invasion of France on D-Day. It was the second time within a week that Mr. and Mrs. Niland had

been notified that one of their four sons, serving with the U. S. troops in combat zones, had been killed in action. Earlier in the week the War Department informed Mr. and Mrs. Niland that their son, Lieut. Preston T. Niland, was killed while fighting with his outfit in France on June 7th. Both sons previously were reported missing. EX 136

Another son, Tech. Sgt. Edward Niland, reported missing while on a bombing mission over Burma on June 6th, has not been heard from since.

The fourth son is Sgt. Frederick Niland, a paratrooper, serving with U. S. troops in France since the invasion of that country started. They have heard from him by letter since D-Day. EX 142



P. T. Niland

Sgt. Robert Niland enlisted November 7, 1941, and went to North Africa in April, 1943. He took part in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns before going to England and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.