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Cpl. D. T. Minkler Died In Action In Korea Dec. 3

Killed in action on December 3 in Korea was Corporal Donald T. Minkler, U.S. Army veteran of World War II, according to telegram notification to his brother, Walter J. Minkler, 760 Pawling Avenue.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Minkler and had been previously reported missing in action.

Corporal Minkler, a World War II veteran, reenlisted in the Army Dec. 20, 1948, and was known to have been serving in Korea. He resided with his brother, Walter, before reentering the Army.

He served with the Army Medical Corps in the European Theater for three of the approximately four years he served during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star while serving during the last war.

Another brother, M/Sgt. Burton A. Minkler, a World War II veteran, is also serving in Korea. Other survivors include three more brothers, Albert D., Robert and Bruce M. Minkler, and four sisters, Mrs. Bruce Fisher, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Kenneth Felter and Mrs. Louise Stehle.

Post Office Flag Flies At Half Staff

The Flag at the Troy Post Office was placed at half staff late this morning in honor of the late Cpl. Donald Minkler, 28, a Bronze Star veteran of World War II who was killed in action in Korea Dec. 3, 1950, and whose body arrived today for burial.

The Flag will remain at half staff in accordance with custom until the termination of funeral services tomorrow.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the A. R. Fox & Son Funeral Home, Congress and 13th streets, with Rev. John R. Ross, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, officiating. A military committal service will be conducted at Memory's Garden Cemetery, Colonie.

Rites Held For War Victim

Military rites were accorded to lay at the funeral of Cpl. Donald T. Minkler who was killed in action Dec. 3, 1950, in Korea.

Services were held at 2 p.m. at the A. R. Fox & Son Funeral Home, Congress and 13th streets, with Rev. John R. Ross of the Third Presbyterian Church officiating.

The bearers were Bruce D. Fisher, Louis Stehle, Kenneth Felter and Arthur Serbis. Mr. Ross also officiated at the interment in Memory's Garden.

A firing squad from the 105th Infantry was commanded by M.Sgt. Thomas J. Lumley and was composed of M.Sgt. C. J. Casey, Sgt. I.C. Nicholas W. Ciampolillo, Sgt. I.C. Frederick Ames, Sgt. I.C. Edward R. Kane and Sgt. Joseph B. Vartigan. M.Sgt. William H. Curley was bugler. Corporal Minkler's military escort was S.Sgt. James J. Magee.

Troy Post, American Legion, conducted services at the funeral home last night with Commander Joseph Fera and Chaplain Henry Cassavant in charge. Corporal Minkler was made a member of the post posthumously.

Body Of Troy Veteran On Way Home

The body of Cpl. Donald Minkler, 28, a Bronze Star veteran of World War II who was killed in action Dec. 3, 1950, during the Korean conflict, will arrive in Troy Wednesday and funeral services will be Thursday.

Services will be at 2 p.m. from the A. R. Fox & Son Funeral Home, Congress and 13th streets, with Rev. John R. Ross, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, officiating. A military committal service will be conducted at the grave in Memory's Garden, Town of Colonie. Sgt. James Magee will be military escort accompanying the body from New York.

The soldier was born in Troy, Oct. 18, 1922, son of the late Walter and Jean Mason Minkler. He attended School 16 and Troy High School and worked at the Troy Yarn Co. and the Delaware & Hudson Railroad before entering service. He was a member of Third Presbyterian Church.

Three of his four years in World War II military service were in the European Theater, with a combat medical unit of the 376th Infantry Regiment. His Bronze Star citation was for aiding a wounded comrade while under sniper fire, giving him medical aid and removing him to a place of safety.

His Korean service after his reenlistment was with Co. G., 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Survivors include four brothers, two of them presently in military service, M-Sgt. Burton and Staff Sgt. Albert, and Walter J. and Robert Minkler, all of Troy; and four sisters, Mrs. Jean Fisher, Mrs. Louise Miller, Mrs. Barbara Feller and Mrs. Ellen Stehle, all of Troy.