

Auburndale Man Killed In Action



Sgt. Jack Hancock

AUBURNDALE, May 12,—(Special) —Mrs. Edna P. Hancock was notified by the war department that her husband, Sgt. John (Jack) B. Hancock was killed in action in France on Nov. 1, 1944. A previous wire from the department had reported him missing in action as of that date. The message stated that unavoidable circumstances made necessary the unusual lapse of time between notices.

Sgt. Hancock, who was born in Thomasville, Ga., had been a resident of Auburndale since 1924. He was 31 years old. He attended Auburndale schools and at the time of his enlistment in the army, was manager of a grocery store in Haines City. He was an active member of the Baptist church.

He had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the Anzio beachhead engagement, the Infantry Combat Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He took part in the invasion of southern France.

Surviving in addition to his widow are his mother, Mrs. Mamie T. Hancock, three sisters and a brother of Auburndale, Mrs. Vivian Seckinger, Mrs. A. L. Mims, Miss Emily Hancock and J. A. Hancock and F. V. Hancock, of Boston, Ga.

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