

Sgt George W. Radtke

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Sgt. George W. Radtke, 165 Otter street, was in the marines and participated in action against the enemy at Saipan, Tinian in the Marianas islands, at Iwo Jima, Volcano islands. He joined the marines Sept. 21, 1942.

The first word received in several months from Corp. George W. Radtke, of the Fourth marine division, informed the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Radtke, 165 Otter street, this morning that he was now located at a rest camp in the Pacific area, after participating in the major battles of Saipan and Tinian. The letter from the son was written with a Jap pen, which the young marine had picked up as a souvenir. He entered the service Sept. 20, 1942 and received training at San Diego, Calif., and Camp Pendleton, Calif., before being sent overseas in July of 1943. He was first located at New Caledonia, and during service with the marines, had never had a furlough.

Oshkosh Attorney Kills Self

George W. Radtke, 47, of 1238 Bay Shore Dr., Oshkosh, an attorney, died of a shotgun wound Thursday in the basement of his home. Art C. Miller, Winnebago County coroner, who ruled the death a suicide, said the incident happened about noon.

Radtke's wife, who called police at 2:18 p.m. on her return home, said her husband had been despondent. He had been charged this summer by the board of state bar commissioners with comingling money of estate trust funds with his own, and failure to properly transact estates of clients. The matter had not yet been resolved.

Mr. Radtke was a past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association, was a past president of the council of Peace Lutheran Church and past chairman of the March of Dimes drive here.

He was a regional director of Camp Fire Girls. An attorney here for 18 years, he had been a visiting lecturer at Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh. He served with the Marines in World War II.

He was born in Oshkosh on July 8, 1922, son of Herman and Alice Radtke, and was married here to Miss Mary Casey on July 9, 1949.

Surviving are his widow, Mary; his mother in Oshkosh; one son, William, and one daughter, Mary, both at home; and one brother, Robert Radtke, Oshkosh.