

T/4 George J. Gelhar

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George J. Gelhar Jr.

George J. Gelhar Jr., 60, Oshkosh, died Sunday morning in his home.

He was born May 21, 1925, in Oshkosh, the son of George and Mary Blechl Gelhar. He married Gladyce Le Beck May 31, 1947, in Oshkosh.

Mr. Gelhar owned and operated Gelhar's Car Service. He was a member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Order of the Purple Heart. He had served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific during World War II, as a master sergeant with the 77th Infantry Division.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Maryellen) Spoor, Oshkosh; three sons, Pat, Michael and Gary, all of Oshkosh; one brother, Joseph, Oshkosh; two sisters, Mrs. Ray (Rose) Fashinbauer and Dorothy Stewart, both of Oshkosh; and 15 grandchildren.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George Gelhar, 1008 Eleventh street, concerning the meeting of their two sons somewhere in the Philippines. Sgt. Al Gelhar and Pfc. George Gelhar Jr., had been separated for three years until the sergeant happened to walk into his brother's camp Feb. 20. The soldiers had supper together and talked over many things concerning home.

T/4 George J. Gelhar Jr., 1008 11th street, entered service Sept. 22, 1943. He was with headquarters company of the third battal-



ion, 17th infantry in the southern Philippines and the Ryukyus. His decorations include the good conduct medal, the purple heart, Asiatic-Pacific medal, Philippine liberation medal with two bronze stars and three overseas bars.

Among the thousands of Americans serving on occupation duty in liberated Korea is Sgt. George J. Gelhar Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gelhar, 1008 11th street. Sergeant Gelhar, a motor mechanic in the veteran seventh infantry division, has been in the army 24 months and took part in two major combat campaigns on Leyte and Okinawa. He wears the purple heart for wounds received in the Philippines.

MESSAGE SAYS SON WOUNDED IN PHILIPPINES

Mr. and Mrs. George Gelhar, 1008 Eleventh street, have received word their son, Pfc. George Gelhar Jr., 19, was wounded in action.

The war department message said the son was wounded in the Philippines on Oct. 26. He was with the infantry.

Private Gelhar entered service in October, 1943, and had been overseas since February of this year.

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