

DANVILLE, Ky., Feb. 28 (Special)—Pvt. Hugh J. Leonard, United States Army, husband of the former Miss Elizabeth Best, of Boyle county, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leonard of Perryville, was among those listed as lost on the Japanese freighter which was sunk Sept. 7, 1944, it was learned here yesterday by his wife, through a letter from the War Department at Washington, D. C.

The information available to the department was that the vessel sailed from Davao, Mindanao, on Aug. 20, 1944, with 750 prisoners of war aboard. The freighter was sunk on Sept. 7, 1944, by torpedoes off the western shores of Mindanao. The indications are that relatively few of the prisoners had opportunity to leave the sinking ship, and of those who did, many were killed by enemy gun fire.

A former student of Perryville schools, Private Leonard worked for the late W. Bowman Myers, county engineer, and the State Highway Department before entering service with the armed forces. A member of the National Guard Unit of Harrodsburg known as the 38th Tank Division and later designated the 192nd Battalion the serviceman received his training from Nov. 25, 1940 to August 1941 at Fort Knox,

Reported missing in the spring of 1942 following the fall of Corregidor and Bataan, Private Leonard was eventually reported a prisoner of the Japanese government. His wife and family received at least two cards from the soldier at Davao.

Private Leonard's brother, Ben, serving with the United States Navy, has already received his orders to leave Washington, D. C., for the Pacific theater of operations.

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