

Washington Lists Nation's Dead



Paratrooper Jesse A. Silva was the first Provincetown serviceman to be killed in battle action, in the Italian campaign

The War Department has just issued World War II Honor List of dead and missing in action revealing that 58 Barnstable County men were lost. Massachusetts, as a whole, suffered 10,033 casualties.

Although an unusually large number of Provincetown men and women were in active service for a town of this size only three of those enlisting from Barnstable did not return. Their names are Matthew Gregory, Jesse A. Silva, and John J. Thomas. However, listed among Cape Enders lost are also James J. Holmes and Charles Darby who enlisted elsewhere. James A. Vitelli Jr., son of Attorney Vitelli, of Newton and Provincetown died in a Japanese prison camp.

Also not listed among the Barnstable men lost was the only Truro boy to be killed. He was Corporal Cleveland Crosby Woodward, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Woodward of Truro who lost his life in Saipan. He enlisted in the Marines in Hartford, Conn.