

2 NOGALES BOYS KILLED IN NEW GUINEA

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EDDIE CARRILLO, JR., AND CARLOS O. PETERS DIE AT BATTLE OF SARMI MAY 24

Young Carrillo Son Of Eddie Carrillo., Sr., Railroad Official, Who Died Sunday Not Knowing Of Death Of Son

Two Nogales boys - Eddie A. Carrillo., Jr., 23, and Carlos O. Peters, 20 - were killed in action in Sarmi, New Guinea, May 24th, it was announced in telegrams this week from the War Department.

They met death apparently in the same battle in which S/Sgt. Armando N. Parada, Jr., 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Armando Parada, Cr., 105 Burk street, was seriously wounded in action May 25th. A picture of Parada appeared in last week's Nogales International.

Eddie A. Carrillo, Jr., Carlos Peters and Armando Parada were among members of the Nogales company of the National Guard leaving here in September 1940.

Carrillo was the only son of the late Eddie Carrillo, Sr., 51, well known Southern Pacific de Mexico railroad official, who died in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Sunday evening of this week, the day before word was received of his son's death.

Carrillo, Jr., was a brother-in-law of the late Sgt. Robert W. McClure, Jr., 22, Army Air Forces flight engineer, who died in the Pacific area last July 20th.

The telegram announcing young Carrillo's death was received by his sister, Mrs. Maria Antonietta McClure, widow of the late Robert McClure and daughter-in-law of Mrs. and Mrs. Pete Malas.

Carrillo was a basketball star at Nogales High School at the time he left here with the National Guard and it will be remembered that he and Alex Durazo Jr. and "Lefty" Robles, also basketball stars and both now in the armed forces, constituted what was known in Nogales High School hoop circles as "The Terrible Trio."

Besides his sister Mrs. McClure, who resides here, he is survived by his mother, and two other sisters, Mrs. Delia Spang and Mrs. Adelina Dumas, both living in Massachusetts. He was born and raised in Nogales.

Peters Also Raised Here

Carlos Peters was also raised here and is a nephew of Deputy Sheriff Joe G. Peters and Ben Peters. A telegram announcing his death was received Monday from young Peters' father, Tony Peters, Sr., of Los Angeles, who had just been advised of his son's passing by the War Department.

Peters, born in Noagles in September 1923, is survived by his parents and seven sisters and three brothers. He was raised by his uncle Joe Peters and was living at his uncle's home on the Tucson road at the time he left with the National Guard in 1940.

Both Carrillo and Peters were in Panama for about a year before going to New Guinea.

The deaths of Eddie Carrillo, Jr., and Carlos Peters raised to 23 the number Santa Cruz County service men known to have died in World War II.

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