

BOWMAN, JOSEPH NATHAN JR.
September 29, 1920-December 8, 1941

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Bowman of Dwyer received word Monday night that their son, Joseph N. Bowman, Jr., had been killed in action December 8, 1941. Joe enlisted in September 1940 and had been stationed at Nicholas Field near Manilla in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman have not received full particulars but were informed that a letter was following the telegram.

Sympathy of everyone goes out to these good people in the great loss they have sustained.

Joseph Nathan Bowman, Jr., passed away December 8, 1941, in the Philippine Islands in the service of his country. He was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Bowman of Dwyer. He was born September 29, 1920.

Joe Junior enlisted in the army corps in September, 1940, and was sent to the Philippine Islands soon after that. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him, for he always had a smile for all. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Bowman, two brothers, George and Earl, three sisters, Jessie of Douglas, Betty of Scottsbluff and Louise Tittle of Briggsdale, Colo. and a host of friends and relatives.

He was united with the church when a small boy and was a believer in the Christian way of life.

After enlisting in September of 1940, in the Army Air Corp at Cheyenne, Joe, along with six others, Ray Stratton, Ed Huntzelman, Marvin Holcomb, Buddy Miller, Jerry Short and Jimmy Thompson left October 31 as part of the 20th Pursuit squadron on the U.S.S. Washington for the Philippine.

On the way across the Pacific, the Washington stopped at Honolulu where the 17th Pursuit squadron was picked up. The big ship then sailed on the way to the islands by way of China to pickup refugees from Shanghai.