

MARTELL, JOSEPH CHARLES  
September 3, 1920-December 4, 1943

Joe Martell, 22, Wheatland boy who was in the Navy, succumbed Saturday, Dec. 4, to an illness of many months. For nearly a year, he had been in a naval hospital in San Diego with pneumonia and complications. Upon receiving word of the boy's critical condition, his father, William Martell, and his sister, Katherine, left for California, but the news of his death reached the family here just after their departure. Mrs. Martell has been with her son the last three months.

Joe was born in Wheatland, attended the schools here, and later went to the west coast where he was employed in an airplane factory before joining the Navy.

Surviving are his wife, who visited in Wheatland with Joe early last spring; their baby daughter Jo Ann, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martell; five sisters, Mrs. Mary McQuisten, Mrs. Martha Neff, Katherine, Rosella and Agnes; three uncles here and an aunt in Iowa.

The body was expected to arrive Saturday in Wheatland for services and burial.