Edwin Plote is Lost in Action January 20

Tech. Sgt. Edwin A. Plote, 23, son of Gustav Plote, 1108 Dundee Ave., has been missing in action in France since January 20, the war department notified his father by telegraph this morning. The youth has been serving in the 7th Army. Sergeant Plote’s family moved to Elgin eight years ago. He was employed by the Illinois Watch Case Co. before being called into the army, in May 1942. He received his training at several camps in this country and was sent overseas last May.

Hard Luck Trailed Him

The report today is the climax of a series of misfortunes for the young man. He was seriously injured D Day and hospitalized for several weeks. Shortly after returning to his unit, he was stricken with pneumonia. He left the hospital for a second time a month ago. He has a brother, Walter, seaman first class, USNR, serving in the pacific. Two cousins are also in the armed forces; Pvt. First class Martin Plote, 823 N. Liberty st., who is in France and Pvt. Edward Wesemann of Pingree Grove, who entered the army recently and is in training in Alabama.