

**CPL. JOHN H. KEENER, JR.**



Mr. and Mrs. John H. Keener, of Franklin Route 4, have had a letter from the Adjutant General's office, stating that following a year of uncertainty surrounding the absence of their son, Cpl. John H. Keener, Jr., who was reported to be missing in action on August 17, 1944, he had been presumably pronounced dead by the war department.

"Accordingly an official finding of death has been recorded, the finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death, however, as requested by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowance. We regret the necessity of this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your son, has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice."

Cpl. Keener entered the armed forces on November 24, 1943 and took his training at a base in Miami, Fla., and at Tindall Field, Fla. He was later transferred to Charleston, S. C. He was home on a short furlough around July 3, 1943 before he immediately left for overseas service. He was in Newfoundland, North Africa and Italy.