



Pfc. James A. Nagely

## Life Story

(Verified by Mr. John Nagely)

¶Pfc. James A. Nagely was born near Detroit, Kansas, October 1, 1923. A short time later the family moved to a farm south of Carlton, Kansas, and have continued to live in that community since.

¶He graduated from high school at Chapman with the class of 1941, and that fall matriculated at McPherson College, where he achieved scholastic recognition, and became laboratory assistant to Dr. J. Willard Hershey, noted chemistry instructor.

¶At the end of the first semester in January of 1943, he left school at the request of the draft board to assist his father on the big ranch south of Carlton. At the time he was managing editor of the "Spectator," college paper. He also possessed great musical ability.

¶James entered the army on August 3, 1944, receiving his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas. After spending Christmas at home, he reported at port of embarkation, leaving the States January 19, 1945.

¶He was assigned to Company "I" of the 27th Infantry in the 25th Division. The division has seen considerable active service in the Philippines, where James joined the unit.

¶He fought as a rifleman on the rugged Caraballo Mountains at Belete and the enemy stronghold in the Cagayan Valley. It was doubtless somewhere in this section, where his division had played an important part in the fighting, that he made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

¶James last wrote from the Philippines on April 21, and his family received that letter on May 3rd.

¶On June 9th the War Department notified his family that James had been killed in action on May 20 while fighting the Japs on Luzon.