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"THEIR DEATHS MUST NOT BE IN VAIN"

—DR. H. J. FINDLAY

(Following is a summary of the sermon preached by Dr. H. J. Findlay, at services held Saturday afternoon for Boyd Brumm, whose body was returned here last week from France.)

If you ask why we have met today my answer is: in a small way to show our gratitude for one who gave the most that anyone can give—life itself—that we might be free.

But why did Boyd have to die? And why did many other young men have to die? They had to die because someone must suffer for the sins of the world—not necessarily their own sins. The fact that we may suffer for another person's sins or another nation's sins helps prove the solidarity of humanity—no person or nation lives to himself or itself. God has made of one blood all nations.

God suffers with His people. In all their afflictions He is afflicted. Christ's crucifixion on the cross is the supreme manifestation of God's suffering for sin.

The death of Boyd and the deaths of thousands of others must not be in vain. "It is for the living to be dedicated to the cause they so nobly advanced." (Quotation from Abraham Lincoln.) Man must do something about the situation which has seen 817 wars in the last 1000 years; one thousand billion dollars wasted in world

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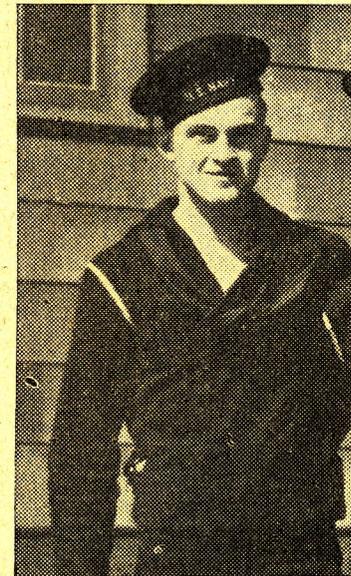
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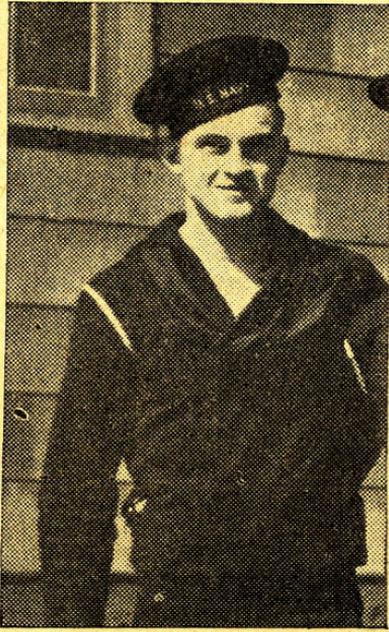
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His boat was struck by a German shell. Of the 12 crew, two lost their lives and 8 were wounded. Boyd was killed instantly. The date was Aug. 9, 1944.

His body was interred in the St. Mere Eglise No. 2 Temporary Military Cemetery in France. When faced with making the choice of having their son's body removed to a permanent military cemetery in France, or the United States or have the body returned here for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Brumm chose the latter. The body arrived here July 14.

Funeral services were held at First Presbyterian church here of which Boyd was a member. Dr. H. J. Findlay conducted the services. His sermon is reviewed in another column in this paper.

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Obituary

Boyd Brumm was born at Mediapolis, Dec. 6, 1922 and was graduated from Mediapolis high school with the class of 1940.

In January, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy, taking his boot training at the Great Lakes training station. He then was sent to Melville, R. I., for specialized motor-torpedo boat training. He served on patrol duty on the Atlantic seaboard but went to European waters just before the invasion of France in 1944.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brumm; two brothers, William and Dale, all of Mediapolis, and 4 sisters. Mrs. Reuben (Helen) Wuellner, Chicago; Mrs. Harold (Dorothy) Herman, Burlington; Mrs. Everett (Lorma) Allen, Des Moines, and Kathleen Brumm, Mediapolis.