



LEGACY

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Flannery of Shea Road have received word from the War Department that their son, Cpl. Robert M. Flannery, 20, was killed in action on February 6 while serving with a paratroop unit in Luxembourg on the Western Front.

This photo of brothers Robert and John Flannery and story was posted to the We Are From Maybrook Facebook Page by Jennie Gesso.

Corporal Flannery, one of Orange County's outstanding high school athletes, entered the Army in March 1943, and received his basic training in Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, where he was with a combat engineers battalion. While there he was nominated to attend specialized training course at Harvard University, but when the course was abolished he was attached to an airborne outfit. He left for overseas service in August of last year, and has been in action since that time. Attending Goshen High School for his freshman year, he graduated from Montgomery High School where he established himself as one of the school's most promising athletes. The following year after his graduation in 1944, he took a postgraduate course in Washingtonville Central School.

Besides his parents, he is survived by five brothers and three sisters. Two of the brothers, T-Sgt. John, and Sgt. Francis, are also of the Western Front. The other brothers James, Thomas, and Michael, and his sisters are, Catherine, Theresa, and Margaret Mary.

Maybrook VFW Post 2064 was renamed Dusenberry-Flannery VFW 2064 on January 10, 1946 to honor the memory of two young soldiers killed in the closing days of WWII. The Post continues to serve its members and community today, and has graciously hosted thousand of events that keep our community close. Today the Post continues to grow, currently boasting 207 members. They have had 47 different Post Commanders and are one of the most active VFW Posts in Orange County.

