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IN MEMORIAM.

WILIFRED W. HEARD

The untimely death of Wilifred W. Heard at the age of 53 years on August 15th, 1968, was a great loss to the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana, the Bench and Bar, and his family.

"Bill", as he was known to his friends, was born on November 4th, 1915, in Benson, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. At an early age he moved to Frierson, Louisiana, where he lived most of his boyhood. Attending grade school in Frierson, Bill was graduated from Stonewall High School as President of his class and Captain of the Football Team. He later attended Centenary College Evening School.

In 1946 he was married to Fannie Bussie. In addition to his widow, he is survived by three daughters, Janice Lynn, Marion and Loraine Heard; his mother, Mrs. G. B. Heard, two sisters, Mrs. Edward McIver and Mrs. E. M. Embry, and four brothers, S. Berton Heard, Leo H. Heard, Thomas H. Heard, and J. Hadley Heard.

Wilifred W. Heard was admitted to the Bar in July, 1956, since that time he has practiced as an individual and as a member of the firm of Heard & McMahon.

Through diligence and integrity he soon established a successful law practice, being respected by all of the Judges and his Fellow Lawyers.

As a citizen Bill served in various responsible positions. He was active in church work in his early years at the Frierson Baptist Church and later at the Highland Baptist Church. At the time of his death he had joined the Episcopal Church.

Bill was a member of the American Legion, the Elks Club and the Shreveport Chapter of the Louisiana Council for Children with Learning Disabilities, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of CAP-CAB, he was on the liasion committee, which had been appointed to work with Caddo and Bossier Parish Police Juries in re-organization of the Poverty Program Board.

Bill was a Veteran of World War II serving in foreign service for over two years in the South Pacific. He was 1st Sergeant of his company and participated in the Battles and Campaigns of New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. One has only to look at a map to see the number of battles and island invasions in this area. Among his decorations and citations are the World War II Victory Ribbon; Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific

Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and one Bronze Star. We only learned these facts from his honorable discharge.


History has recorded General Douglas McArthur's famous statement "I Shall Return". It is also recorded that early in the afternoon of Leyte's D-Day on October 20th, 1944, General Douglas McArthur climbed down from a landing barge and waded to the beach of Leyte where he said "I have Returned". We think that it should be noted that 1st Sergeant Bill Heard had landed earlier and was among those already there to greet him.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Shereveport Bar Association that we express our regret and sorrow in the loss of our highly esteemed and respected member, Wilifred W. Heard, and that we express to his family our sympathy over their bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this memorial and resolution be filed in the archives of the First Judicial District Court and that copies thereof be sent to the members of the family of Wilifred W. Heard.

Memorial Committee


Edwin Bailey, Jr., Chairman


Charles L. Barnett


Joseph F. Giglio, III

September 16th, 1968