

GEORGE GANNAM'S OLD FLAG TO FLY

Ceremony Sunday at Noon at
53rd and Hopkins

HE USED IT AS A BOY

Cadets and Buglers to At-
tend the Exercises

The flag that Sergt. George Gannam, Savannah's first casualty in the war at Hickam Field, Honolulu, flew on a pole of a boy's club in Savannah, is going to be raised again Sunday at noon on a new pole at Fifty-third and Hopkins streets, next to his home.

There was a neighborhood club of boys near where George Gannam lived. He made the flagpole and the boys raised the flag on it. They insisted on the flag being above their club rooms.

Karam Gannam, his father, is giving the new flagpole. A detail of Benedictine cadets will be present at the flag raising. The senior class of that school will also have buglers attend. The Mothers' Club of Benedictine School will lay a wreath at the foot of the flagpole.

Rev. Father Gregory Eichenlaub, O. S. B., principal of Benedictine, and Col. Fred Von Kamp, cadet colonel of the Benedictine battalion, will take part in the ceremony.

The new flagpole is surrounded by a fence. The flag will fly there from day to day and people of the neighborhood, as well as others who pass by, will remember Sergeant George Gannam who fell at Hickam Field on December 7, the fateful beginning of the United States' entrance into the world war. Sergeant Gannam was the first Savannahian in this war to fall in action in defense of an American area.

Sergeant Gannam was a graduate of Benedictine School. He enlisted in the army in August, 1939. At the time of his death he was attached to headquarters group of the Eighteenth Pursuit Group, stationed at Wheeler Field, several miles from Hickam Field.