

Teaneck Pilot Dies In Crash In Training In Louisiana

Lieutenant Katz Dies Near Hammond Field; Four Listed As Missing In Action

A Teaneck fighter pilot near the end of Army Air Force training for combat died in a Louisiana airplane accident last Friday.

The War Department also confirmed today the missing in action status of four local officers and enlisted men, and announced that two more are prisoners of war in Germany and that still another is among those wounded in action.

The Dead

KATZ, Lieutenant William; 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Katz, 119 Edgemont Place, Teaneck.

Katz was killed in an airplane accident near Hammond Field, Louisiana, according to a telegram from the War Department received Saturday by his parents. Complete details were not given.

Katz had been a resident of Teaneck for 14 years and was attending Notre Dame when he entered the Army Air Force in November, 1942. He is a graduate of Oxford Academy, Pleasantville, New Jersey. He formerly resided in Ridgefield Park.

The pilot received his primary training at St. Louis, Illinois, and was awarded his wings at Eagle Pass, Texas. He was scheduled to go overseas in a few months. The body will arrive in Teaneck tomorrow under watch of his roommate and close friend.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 8 P. M. in the Volk Colonial Funeral Home. Burial will be Wednesday at 10 A. M. in Hackensack Cemetery. Surviving are his parents and a grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Katz.



LT. WILLIAM KATZ

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Buchanan In Florida

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Arcadia, Fla., Jan. 26 — Aviation Cadet John B. Buchanan of 140 Manhattan Avenue, West Englewood, N. J., has reported here at Dorr Field for a phase in his training as a pilot in the Army Air Force.

Weather Observer

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Rantoul, Ill., Jan. 26 — Private Henry J. Gardner of 83 Lees Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has been qualified here at Chanute Field as a weather observer for the Army Air Force.

Blackledge Goes To Coast Station

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 26 — Recently commissioned Ensign Richard Blackledge of 756 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, N. J., a member of the Naval Air Force Squadron Jersey Skeeters, is on the way to this Naval Air Station at the end of leave. He won his wings at the Pensacola, Fla., Air Station 10 days ago.

The Skeeters made up the first unit of Naval Aviation Cadets from Bergen County and was instituted at Navy Day ceremonies in October, 1942.

Blackledge is a graduate of Bogota High School and Bergen College, and attended Newark Institute of Technology. He worked in laboratories of Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Paterson, when he was called up for training last January.

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WALNES, Lieutenant Paul A.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Alje Walnes, 253 DeGraw Avenue, Teaneck.

Walnes has been awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart, his parents were advised yesterday.

Walnes is in Italy had been in a bombing and in water for a long time and is now recovered. That is all his parents know of the injury.

He is in the Army Medical Administrative Corps and left for overseas last August.

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Teaneck Graduate Is An Air Cadet

Donald Stone of 108 West Forest Avenue, Teaneck, has been assigned as an aviation cadet at Beloit College, Wis. He had been stationed with the infantry at Camp Fannin, Tex. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School.

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McKittrick Named To Be A Major

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Washington, Jan. 26 — Promotion of Kenneth F. McKittrick of 114 Bogart Street, West Englewood, N. J., from captain to major in the Army Signal Corps was announced here today by the War Department.

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FLIER WILL SPEAK



LT. JOHN E. JOHANNESSEN

DEFENSE CORPS TO HEAR PILOT

Johannessen To Speak At Air Forces Night

Twenty-five bombing missions over Germany as witnessed by a 20-year-old Teaneck copilot, Lieutenant John Johannessen, will be reviewed during Army Air Forces night sponsored by the Teaneck Defense Council tomorrow at Lowell School, Lincoln Place. The program will be given for residents of Districts 9 and 10.

Johannessen has bombed such places as Emden, Bremen, Stuttgart, and Frankfurt in Germany. Paris and Bordeaux in France and Rjukan in Norway. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johannessen of 20 Franklin Road, West Englewood, he is now home on leave.

Personnel from Mitchell Field will also be on hand.

Arrangements for the affair are under the direction of Captain Charles A. Wild, E. O. R., senior deputy commander of the Defense Council. Judge Leland Perry will act as master of ceremonies.

Government combat pictures will be shown.

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ORDERED TO OTHER STATIONS

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 31 — Naval Aviation Cadets Frank E. Engstrom of 1326 Dickerson Road, West Englewood, N. J.; and James E. Allen of Blanch Avenue, Harrington Park, have completed the pre-flight course here and have been ordered to other stations. Engstrom went to Peru, Ind., Allen to Glenview, Ill.

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Lieut. Talbert Completes Course

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Columbus, O., Jan. 31 — Second Lieutenant Robert J. Talbert of 180 Sherman Avenue, Teaneck, N. J., has completed a course in depot administration and supply here at the Army Depot. He received his commission in the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee, Va., last November 12.

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A/C JAMES J. MCLAUGHLIN

Begins Course At Freeman Field

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)

Seymour, Ind., Jan. 31 — Aviation Cadet James J. McLaughlin, 23, of 856 Ester Street, Teaneck, N. J., recently completed a training course at Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C., and has advanced to new Army Air Force training here, at Freeman Field.

He is a Holy Trinity High School graduate and worked for Wright Aeronautical Corporation in Hackensack.

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Lieutenant James D. Platt, who recently completed a 2-month student officers training course at Fort Belvoir, Va., has been home visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James D. Platt of 843 Garrison Avenue. With him were his wife the former Miss Marie Spina of Coytesville and their month-old son James III. Lieutenant Platt is leaving today to assume his new duties with the Airborne Engineers at Maxton Army Air Base, N. C. His brother William, will be commissioned soon as a Marine Air pilot at Pensacola, Fla.

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