

Mrs. Robert Winthrop Cummings Jr. of Spokane, Wash., announces the birth of a girl, Constance Winthrop Cummings, April 7. Her husband, the late Lieutenant Robert Winthrop Cummings Jr. was killed in a plane crash last September in Key West, Fla. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cummings of 1109 Bromley Avenue, West Englewood.

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Damrose, Doyle Graduated
(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Bainbridge, Md., Apr. 13—Seamen Second Class John P. Damrose of Ridgely Park, N. J., and Maurice Doyle of Teaneck, have completed boot training here at the Naval Training Station. They will receive specialized instruction. Damrose is the husband of Mrs. Eleanor Damrose of Ridgely Park. Doyle is the son of Mrs. Maurice Doyle of Merriam Road, Teaneck.

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Nelson Promoted
Private Walter Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nelson of 182 Church Street, West Englewood, has been advanced to Private First Class and is now stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado, where he will attend school. Private Nelson recently completed his Basic Training in Miami Beach with the Army Air Force. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School and was employed with the East River Savings Bank before entering the Army in January of this year.

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BOYLE HONORED
Teaneck Resident Gets Official Acclaim From A. A. F.
Lieutenant Joseph E. Boyle of Teaneck, co-pilot of the flying fortress, "Dry Martini", received official acclaim from Army Air Force authorities today, who credited the bomber with shooting down 10 German fighters in the raid over Paris April 4. They said the "Dry Martini" had probably established a record for the number of planes shot down by a single bomber in this theater.
The action, in which Boyle was injured slightly, had been reported previously.

Three Teaneck Men Killed, 2 Overseas, 1 In Crash Here

Webb Dies In Action In Tunisia; Becker With Army Air Forces; Schweiger On Routine Flight

The war struck hard in Teaneck today when the War Department reported three boys from there killed. One met death during a routine training flight in this country; the others in action overseas.

PARENTS NOTIFIED

Private First Class **Walter G. Webb**, of the Infantry, was killed in action in Tunisia, according to the telegram received yesterday by his parents.

Sergeant Pilot John L. Becker was killed in action with the Army Air Force.

The telegram received by his parents Saturday morning did not tell where he was killed. He was based in England and had been on bombing raids over the continent.

Air Cadet Robert J. Schweiger was killed on a routine training flight, according to a telegram sent from Bush Field, Augusta, Ga.

Private Webb, son of a World War I veteran, had been in service 6 months when he was sent to North Ireland and then to North Africa where he has been in the thick of battle under General Patton. He was 25 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton W. Webb of 10 Brinkerhoff Avenue.

A graduate of Teaneck High School, where he was a member of the varsity basketball team, Private Webb was also graduated from Oberlin College where he majored in business administration. He was a member of the second contingent to leave from Teaneck.

His father, who saw action in France with the Field Artillery during the last war, and was a member of the 79th Division which fought in the Argonne Forest in the St. Mihiel sector, is a member of Teaneck's American Legion Post 128.

Shortly before entering service, Private Webb's engagement to Miss Doris Lubben of Bogota was announced. He is survived by his

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parents and one sister, Elaine Webb. He was active in athletics, devoting most of his spare time to tennis and swimming. He taught Sunday School at the Methodist Episcopal Church of Teaneck and was a Boy Scout patrol leader. His parents last heard from him on March 14. He and his family have lived in Teaneck since 1927.

Sergeant Pilot Becker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Becker of 40 Garden Street, West Englewood, was killed March 27, according to the telegram from the War Department. The former R. C. A. F. pilot had received his transfer to the United States Army Air Force on February 23, 1942.

WITH R. C. A. F.

He won his gold wings with the Royal Canadian Air Force at St. Hubert Field in Montreal last August and was assigned overseas.

He enlisted in the R. C. A. F. in Ottawa a year and a half ago after he failed to meet the requirements for the Army. Before he enlisted with the R. C. A. F. he was a civilian pilot and was known for his stunting.

His father owns a hardware store on Teaneck Road, West Englewood. The family has lived in West Englewood for 19 years and Sergeant Becker attended Teaneck High School where he played varsity football.

Becker's most hair-raising adventure was described a few days before his death. Meeting other R. C. A. F. fliers in London's American Red Cross Washington Club, he said:

TELLS OF CRASH LANDING

"My best adventure was running into dirty weather, running out of gas, and running along the ground on the ship's belly. First of all I couldn't get my wheels down. So I slayed up and fluffed. Then the flaps refused duty. Visibility was only 60 feet. I was in touch with the field and they kept telling me, 'now you've got the left wheel down' and 'now the tail wheel's up' and so on.

"At last I tightened my straps and made a stab at landing. The plane started to overshoot and next thing I knew she was upside down and I was hanging out of the cockpit in the straps and quite helpless. I'd shut off the engine so she didn't fire up.

"The fire brigade came out and started chopping at the fuselage with their axes and every chop got nearer to my neck. I felt like a Thanksgiving turkey. I stayed at least 5 minutes upside down and couldn't stand up when they cut me free."

Air Cadet Schweiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schweiger of 140 Johnson Avenue, was killed with a classmate when their planes cracked up 15 miles south of the training field on April 9.

He enlisted in the Air Force last February and after a short stay at Nashville, Tenn., he was transferred to Maxwell Field, Ala. He then was moved to Avon Park, Fla.

He was to receive his wings in 3 weeks and had just had his twenty-fifth birthday. A graduate of New Brunswick High School, he continued studies at Bergen College in 1940 and 1941. Schweiger was a member of the Y. M. H. A. where he had made a reputation as an outstanding handball player.

Before his enlistment he was manager of Phoenix Knitting Mills, Statesville, N. C.

His parents today recalled that he had always set his heart on being a flier. He was slated for a commission immediately on completion of training. Lieutenant-Colonel Henry C. Huglin, commanding officer at Bush Field, extended the sympathy of the entire command on the accident which cut short the boy's flying career. A guard of honor is accompanying the body to his home. Funeral details will be announced later.

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