

Hoosier Heroes: Three Indiana Airmen Are Killed in Action and Capt. Thos. F. Ruckelshaus Is Reported on Missing List

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Liberator bomber, was killed in action in Italy May 23 after completing 17 missions. He was 27.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown, 1723 Olive st., and had been overseas since April.

Enlisting in the army air forces in January, 1943, he was trained at air fields in Texas. Before being inducted, he was graduated from Washington high school and was a letter carrier for the post office.

Survivors besides his parents are a daughter, Sharon Lee; two brothers, Paul of Indianapolis, and S. Sgt. Roy Brown, stationed in New Guinea; two sisters, Miss Mary P. Brown and Mrs. Lawrence Vaughn, both of Indianapolis. His fiancée was Miss Rosemary McGoran, 1750 S. Meridian st.

T. SGT. CARL J. ROBINSON, who was aboard the U. S. troop ship sunk in the Mediterranean, was killed April 20, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. Mary Ward Robinson, 142 N. Oriental st.

Entering service Jan. 17, 1943, he was a former member of the 113th observation squadron and entered the aircraft mechanic school of the army air forces in July, 1943, at Seymour Johnson field, N. C.

After being graduated from the school as high man, he was assigned to a photo reconnaissance squadron at Will Rogers field, Okla., where he won his aerial engineer and gunner's wings. He went overseas in March.

Before entering the service, Sgt.



T. Sgt. Carl J. Robinson ... killed in ship sinking.



First Lt. Cecil Milo Clore ... killed in plane crash.



Second Lt. Norman G. Brown ... killed in Italy.

Robinson was a bus driver for the Indianapolis Railways.

FIRST LT. CECIL MILO CLORE, a pilot of a B-17 bomber, was killed in a plane crash at Castle Hedingham, England, Jan. 4, 1944, on his 25th mission.

Gold star memorial services for Lt. Clore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clore, Bargersville, will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday in the Bargersville Christian church.

Enlisting in the army air forces in February, 1942, he received his pilot training at Santa Ana, Hemet and Bakers field in California, and was graduated from an advanced training school at Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 6, 1943, winning his wings and commission.

He was further trained as a B-17 bomber pilot at Blythe, Cal., Walla, Wash., and Madras, Ore., and went overseas in July, 1943.

During his 25 missions he had earned the air medal with three oak leaf clusters and had been awarded the distinguished flying cross. The purple heart has been awarded posthumously.

A member of the Bargersville Christian church, Lt. Clore was a graduate of Center Grove high school and attended Franklin college, where he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

His sister, Eva Jane Clore, Bargersville, also survives.

CAPT. THOMAS F. RUCKELSHAUS, president of the Red Cab Co., has been missing in action with the air transport command since May 23, according to word received yesterday by his wife who now lives in Chicago.

Stationed in India since June, 1943, the 39-year-old captain enlisted in the air forces in August,

1942, reporting for duty at Miami, Fla., as a first lieutenant. He was promoted to captain about six months ago.

He is the son of John C. Ruckelshaus, 1235 N. Delaware st., and was graduated from Notre Dame university where he played football under the late Knute Rockne.

His brother, Conrad, is a lieutenant in the naval air corps based in the Pacific.

RADIOMAN I-C STANLEY EDWARD MATTHEWS, who has been reported missing in action since March 18 when the submarine Scorpion was listed lost, has been awarded the submarine combat insignia medal by the navy.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Matthews, 410 N. Beville ave., received the medal, a copy of a submarine with three stars attached. The citation said the medal was

given "in recognition of his splendid performance of duty" and that the Scorpion was on an offensive war patrol in confined and heavily guarded enemy waters.

Entering the service in May, 1940, Radioman Matthews had been overseas 22 months when he was reported missing. He was on his last patrol before returning to the United States to receive a chief petty officer's rating. His father is employed at the post office.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT today confirmed previous reports that Cpl. James Adams, son of Mrs. Clara Kolloch, 1413 W. 51st st.; Cpl. Albert J. Gantz, son of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gantz, 4311 N. Key-stone ave., and M. Sgt. Charles D. Long, 1115 N. Oxford st., were killed when a troop transport was sunk in the Mediterranean.

S. SGT. DONALD L. DAWSON, aerial gunner from Noblesville, holds the distinguished flying cross, the air medal and three oak leaf clusters.

The 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Dawson, Noblesville, he is an instructor in the aerial gunnery station in Northern Ireland. He teaches gunners range estimation and aircraft recognition.

He has complete faith in his B-24 Liberator for it has never failed to bring him back from combat missions. He has been in the army air forces two years.

SIXTEEN INDIANA men are listed among the 504 U. S. soldiers killed in the ship sinking in the Mediterranean announced by the war department May 1.

They are Sgt. Herman A. Baker, son of Elmer C. Baker, Ft. Wayne; Cpl. Harley G. Ball, son of Mrs. Rosie Ball, Russellville; Pfc. Clarence C. Bremer, son of Mrs. Mae Bremer, Hammond; Sgt. John P. Brown, husband of Mrs. Mildred Brown, Terre Haute; Pfc. James E. Gardner, whose guardian is Mrs. Julia M. Bherms, Kendallville; Cpl. John Geleta Jr., son of Mrs. Elizabeth Geleta, Whiting; Cpl. Jerome J. Greene, husband of Mrs. Viola E. Greene, South Bend; Sgt. John W. Herod, son of Mrs. Donald Herod, Princeton.

Also Cpl. Robert O. Masters, husband of Mrs. Rosamond F. Masters, Logansport; T. 5th Gr. Gerald E. Morgan, son of Mrs. Alma Morgan, Hammond; Pfc. Richard W. Rutherford, son of Walter E. Rutherford, Muncie; Sgt. Charles R. Shaffer, son of Ira M. Shaffer, Marion; Pfc. Chester L. Shank, son of Mrs. Anna P. Shank, Lafayette; Cpl. Dennis M. Smith, son of Mrs.

Florence Smith, Elkhart; Sgt. Lawrence A. Splain, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Splain, Corydon, and Pfc. Frederick I. Strack, son of Joseph C. Strack, Chesterton.

SGT. MELVIN O. RICHESON, a waist gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, was recently decorated with the air medal at an 8th air force bomber station in England.

The 21-year-old flier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oida J. Richeson, Morgantown, and was graduated from Trafalgar high school in 1941. He entered military service Dec. 10, 1942.

New Road to Paris Opened By Attack on Seine Estuary

Written for NEA Service

NEW YORK, June 8.—Allied invasion forces striking at the Seine estuary made history by establishing a new battleground along an invasion route to Paris never before attempted. The route up the Seine river valley is the most direct road to the city known in history as "Mistress of the World."

Paris has been lucky. She has never been ravaged, either in this war or any other conflict. Allied bombers have subjected her military objectives to bombardment, but the city itself has not taken the beating that such cities as London and Berlin have suffered.

Paradoxically, the Seine estuary was once the springboard for an invasion headed in exactly the opposite direction from the present attack. William the Conqueror chose this region as the logical one from which to sail with his invasion forces in 1066, to cross the English channel and win the battle of Hastings.

In choosing the Seine valley as the target for their attack, allied strategists accomplished two vital purposes.

First, the element of surprise worked in favor of the invasion forces, since all other drives on Paris have been launched from the north and south.

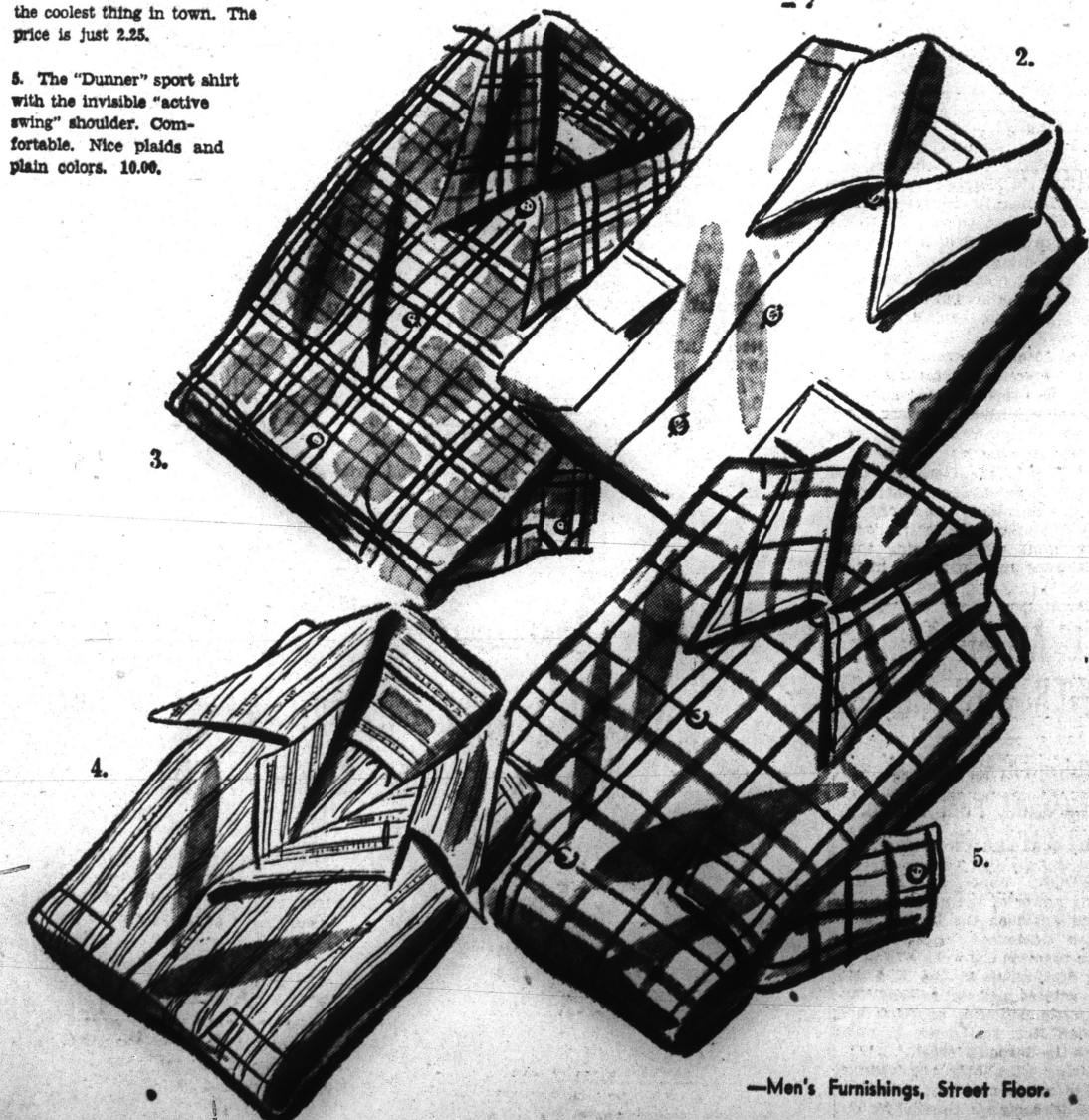
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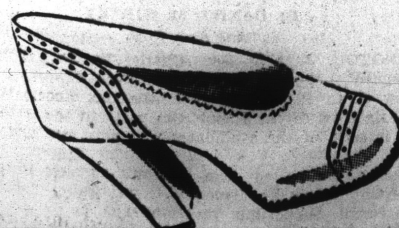
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