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Lt. Mathews, Rapids Flier, Dies in Action



GEORGE M. MATHEWS

Second Lt. George M. Mathews, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mathews, 811 Tenth street south, was killed in action in France January 30, according to a war department telegram received by the parents.

The lieutenant had previously been reported missing in action by the war department. He was pilot of a B-26 bomber and his last letter home was dated January 21.

Lieutenant Mathews was born at Spring Lake, Minn., June 21, 1920. When he was five years old, his family moved to Stevens Point for six months, then to Wisconsin Rapids, where he resided until he entered service. He attended St. Peter & Paul Catholic grade school and was graduated from Lincoln High school in 1938.

He entered service in January, 1941, serving for two years as supply clerk at Keesler Field, Miss. After receiving training at Moorehead, Minn., and Santa Ana, Calif., he won his wings at Douglas, Ariz., in June, 1944 and went overseas last August. He served one month in England before moving on to France.

In addition to his parents, the Wisconsin Rapids flier is survived by six brothers, Sgt. William Mathews, who is in the Philippines; John Mathews, S 3-c, at sea with the U.S.S. Piedmont; Maurice, Donald, Thomas and Frank, Jr., all at home and one sister, Mary Helen, at home.

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