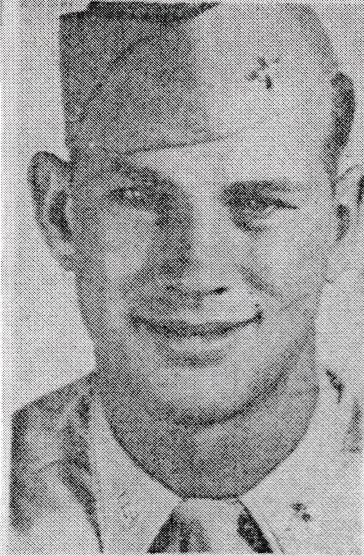


Brothers Decorated With DFC



LT. C. E. RILEY, USAAF



LT. J. T. RILEY, USNR

Win Coveted Honors in Flying Services of Army and Navy

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School Director and Mrs. John H. T. Riley, of 632 Seventh Avenue, this city, are the proud parents of three flying sons, and it has been announced by the War and Navy Departments that two of these sons are the recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant Joseph Tully Riley, 26, USNR, reported missing in action last November, has been awarded the DFC by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal in the name of the President for outstanding work during the battle of Leyte Gulf October 25, 1944.

Another son, Lieutenant Charles E. Riley, USAAF has been awarded the DFC for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving as navigator on a B-24 type aircraft on a mission to bomb extremely vital enemy marshalling yards at Graz, Austria, March 9, 1945.

The third flying son is Lieuten-

ant John Riley, USNR, with the Naval Air Corps overseas.

Lieutenant Joe, the oldest of the three boys, received the DFC with the following citation:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Division Leader of a Group of Fighter Planes attached to a Composite Squadron operating from a carrier in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. Engaged in a furious battle against units of the Japanese Fleet, Lieutenant Riley boldly led his flight in over the target area in bold defiance of the enemy's concentrated anti-aircraft fire and, relentlessly strafing hostile battleships and cruisers in repeated, determined runs, continued his deadly fire until his ammunition was expended. By his brilliant leadership, daring combat tac-

tics and dauntless courage against tremendous odds, Lieutenant Riley contributed essentially to the success of the engagement and to the extensive and costly damage inflicted on the enemy. His zealous devotion to duty throughout served as an inspiration to his men and reflects the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

Army Lieutenant Charlie was faced with the task of precise navigation over cloud covered terrain at a low altitude which made it imperative to avoid all anti-aircraft gun positions enroute. Lieutenant Riley directed the pilot to safety across 150 miles of enemy territory.

The oldest boy, who is missing in action in the Pacific Theatre of War, is a fighter pilot, with thirty-three months of combat to his credit. He was commissioned an Ensign in October of 1941. He was assigned to the Pacific theatre of operations in December of 1941, a few days before Pearl Harbor.

Charles, after graduating from Liberty High School, attended Muhlenberg College and Cornell University. He was made a second lieutenant in the Medical Corps, but resigned in March of 1943. He then re-enlisted and was placed in the medics, but was later transferred to the Air Corps.

Riley, Charles E,
Riley, Joseph T.

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