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Lieut. John H. Miller, Jr., Son of Former Nazareth Pastor, is Killed

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A son of a former Nazareth minister, Lt. John Henry Miller Jr., USNR, died in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Miller, 110 South Main Street, Nazareth, yesterday. His father, the late Rev. Miller, was pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth, in 1909, when Lt. Miller was born.

The dreaded telegram, which brought sorrow to this Nazareth mother, read: "The Navy Department regrets to inform you that your son Lt. John Henry Miller Jr., U. S. N. R., died of wounds following action July 8, 1944, in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. The Department appreciates your great anxiety, but details not now available and delay in receipt thereof must necessarily be expected. His remains were interred in the American Military Cemetery, Brookwood, England. If further information is received you will be promptly notified." It was signed, Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Navy Personnel.

He enlisted in the Fall of 1942

and received officer's training at Princeton University where he was commissioned a Junior Grade Lieutenant in December of that year and later became a first lieutenant. He received further training at Solomons Island, Md., Charleston, S. C. and Norfolk, Va., and was sent overseas in April, 1943. He had seen action in North Africa, Italy and England.

Before he was of school age, the Miller family moved to Harrisburg where he attended school. He was graduated from Bronxville, New



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York Preparatory School, and attended the Evangelical-Lutheran Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Mo., for two years. He was graduated from the University of Virginia Law School and practiced law for a short period before becoming an adjuster for the Maryland Casualty Company. When his father became ill in 1933, he filled the pulpit of the Lutheran Church at Charlottesville, Va., from September to May of that year.

The Rev. and Mrs. Miller returned to Nazareth from Charlottesville, Va., in 1934, and within a few months the pastor passed away.

Beside his mother, Lt. Miller is survived by his wife, the former Grace Stark, of Crozet, Va., and two children, Martin Stark, 5, and Donald Carl, 3, now residing at Charlottesville, Va.; one brother, Lt. Luther Samuel Miller, U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

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