

# Northampton Flyer Killed In France

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First Lieutenant Michael Bodnyk, aged 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bodnyk, 666 East 20th Street, Northampton, was reported killed in action Aug. 27 in France, according to a telegram from the War Department. The message was received on the 24th birthday anniversary of Lt. Bodnyk.

Lt. Bodnyk, a veteran of five year's service in the U. S. Army Air Corps, received the Air Medal for "meritorious combat duty" in July, 1944. He was credited with having 39 flying missions and 82 sorties to his record. He received training at the following fields: air cadet training in Puerto Rico; pre-flight,



LIEUT. MICHAEL BODNYK

Maxwell Field, Ala.; Primary, Decatur Fields, Ala.; Basic, Augusta Air Base, Ga., and advanced flying course at Selma Fields, Ala., where he won his pilots wings and was qualified to fly a P-47 Thunderbolt.

Lt. Bodnyk was commissioned Nov. 30, 1942, and left for overseas March, 1944. He saw service in England and France, having participated in D-Day invasion. The young pilot was the wearer of three ribbons, the Mediterranean Theatre of War, North Atlantic Theatre and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

Lt. Bodnyk was graduated from Northampton High School with the Class of 1939, and enlisted two months later. A brother, Captain Metro, is also serving in the armed forces, being stationed in France at the present time. Capt. Metro is attached to the Ordnance Department. On several occasions the two brothers met and saw each other in France. Lt. Bodnyk, being a congenial mixer, never missed looking up friends or names from his home town. On one occasion, he had the good fortune while in England to meet Lieutenant Lillian Dilliard, R. N. the borough's former community nurse. Lt. Bodnyk made friends fast and kept them long.

Lt. Bodnyk was a member of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Northampton.

Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Capt. Metro, in France, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Krill, and Anne, both of Northampton.

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