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Flier Missing



LIEUT. (s.g.) J. T. RILEY

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Lt. J. T. Riley Reported Missing

A telegram from the Navy Department informed School Director and Mrs. John H. T. Riley, of 632 Seventh Avenue, that their oldest son, Lieutenant Senior Grade Joseph Tully Riley, 26, United States Naval Air Corps, is "missing in action", in the Pacific theatre of operations.

A fighter pilot on sea duty for 33 months, Lieutenant Riley told his parents in his last letter, October 20, that he was waiting re-assignment, and hoped to come home at an early date.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, the young Naval officer graduated from Liberty High School, and was a student at Lehigh University when he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps, in January of 1941.

He was commissioned an ensign in October, 1941, and was assigned to the Pacific area December 1, 1941, six days before Pearl Harbor. Since that time, Lieutenant Riley has seen continuous service, and has a meritorious record.

He has two brothers also in the Air Corps. Lieutenant (j.g.) John Riley, United States Naval Air Corps, presently assigned to carrier training; and Flight Officer Charles Riley, United States Army Air Forces, stationed at March Field.

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