

Carcione, Anthony

Lt. 'Tony' Carcione, Flying Ace, Lost in Berlin Raid

Bethlehem Man Was Called by His Pals "Peck's Bad Boy;" Failed to Return on March 7

A THUNDERBOLT FIGHTER STATION, England (AP) — They called him "Peck's Bad Boy." He was the smallest man at this fighter base—only a little more than five feet tall—but he was one of the scrappiest fighter pilots who ever lived.

Lt. Anthony (Tony) Carcione was his name and he hailed from 1917 Huntington Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. Tony who was 24 years old, failed to come back from the March 7 raid on Berlin. He was last seen by his mates diving on a bunch of yellow-nosed German fighter planes.

Carcione had downed four German planes before he set out on his last raid and was awaiting official confirmation of a fifth.

He was one of two aces lost by this base. The other was Lt. Joseph W. Icard of Granite Falls, N. C.

Next to flying, Lt. Carcione listed photography as his favorite hobby. The lieutenant had delved into this pastime to such an extent that a host of his pals called him "Photo Joe." He already had a huge collection of pictures which he had taken, developed and printed. He rapidly became an ace in photography, one of his friends claims.

Lt. Carcione enlisted in the air corps in April, 1940. He received his primary aviation cadet training at Spartan Field, Tulsa, Okla., basic at Randolph Field, Texas, and advance at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas. He received his wings and commission as second lieutenant May 20, 1942. His promotion to first lieutenant occurred in May, 1943.

He had completed more than 70 missions and was the possessor of the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf clusters. He also was



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awarded the Air Medal.

Lt. Carcione attended grade schools in Philadelphia, Slatington and Bethlehem High School, and was graduated from Lehigh University in Bethlehem. He received two years' ROTC training at Lehigh.

He was born January 26, 1919, in Wilson Borough, Pa. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione.

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