

McNally, James O.
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Lieut. McNally Loses Life At Florida Base

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Lieutenant James O. McNally, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNally, Allentown, lost his life at a Florida air base last night.

Only the barest details of the accident were contained in a telegram received by the parents at their home, 112 N. 10th Street, informing them that "he had been killed in line of duty at 5.25 p. m. while attached to a squadron based at Pinecastle Air Field near Orlando.

Although he was commissioned and awarded his wings last January at the Columbus, Miss., Air Corps school, and since that time is known to have engaged in overseas operations, members of the family said last night that the exact theater of war in which he was stationed was never disclosed by him and the only indication of his service abroad was the campaign bar he wore.

Prior to being assigned to the field where he met his death, Lieutenant McNally was on anti-submarine patrol in the Caribbean area and only recently was transferred to the advanced group for high altitude work.

Lieutenant McNally enlisted as an aviation cadet in February of 1941 and waited several months before being called to active duty and sent to Maxwell Field, Ala., for basic training. The advanced phase of his preparation for a pilot's rating was taken at Columbus, and upon graduation was assigned to the operations about which he was reticent to talk, either in his letters or during time he spent at his home.

He was born in Allentown, a son of James and Margaret, nee McNally, attended the public schools and was a member of the class of 1938 of Allentown High School.

When he completed his high school course, Lieutenant McNally enrolled at Kiski Prep at Saltsburg, Pa., and after graduation there became a student at Villanova college. He also attended Lehigh University and at the time of enlistment was employed at the Mack Manufacturing Corp.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Francis, stationed with the U. S. Coast Guard at Atlantic City, and James McNally of Costa Rica, who is employed with a company now engaged in construction of the international highway from Canada to South America.

Lieutenant McNally was a member of the church of St. Catharine of Siena, 18th and Turner Streets, Allentown, and of the Holy Name society of that parish.

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