

Stearns, Clarence A.  
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## 2nd Lieut. Clarence A. Stearns Killed In Action In France

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Mrs. Clarence Arthur Stearns, Jr., the former Mary Elizabeth Birk, was informed by telegram from the adjutant general that her husband, Second Lieut. Clarence A. Stearns, had been killed in action on June 10 in France. Their first child is expected next week.

The telegram from Washington was sent to Mrs. Stearns at the home of Lieut. Stearns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stearns, of Philadelphia, and was forwarded by them to Bethlehem, where Mrs. Stearns is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Birk, 1028 North New Street.

Lieut. Stearns had been overseas since January. A graduate of Lehigh University with the class of 1943, where he held a reserve officer's commission with the ROTC, he attended Officer Candidates' School at Fort Benning, Ga., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry in December, 1943.

Lieut. Stearns, while at Lehigh, was a member of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society; Chi Psi fraternity, serving as historian of the Lehigh Chapter; Cut and Thrust, fencing society, and was commodore of the Yacht Club. He was also a graduate of LaSalle High School, Philadelphia.

Lieut. and Mrs. Stearns were married Feb. 25, 1943, by the Rev. Conrad W. Raker, superintendent of the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown.



LIEUT. CLARENCE A. STEARNS

While Lieut. Stearns was at Fort Benning, Mrs. Stearns joined him at Columbus, Ga., and remained with him when he was transferred to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C., and until he was sent to a port of embarkation.

Lieut. Stearns is survived by his wife, his parents, and one brother, Pvt. John Stearns, with the Army at Indian Wn Gap.

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