

Hrkach, Joseph F.

Florida Cadet



On his way to become a combat pilot, Aviation Cadet Joseph F. Hrkach is undergoing his primary flight training at Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hrkach, who reside at Route 4, Bethlehem. In the past three and one half years, Carlstrom Field has logged 500,000 flying hours with more than 45,000,000 miles with only one fatality. Carlstrom Field will be remembered by many veterans of World War I as a principal training field for the air fighters of that day. This field, officially designated as the 2148th AAF Base Unit, is operated by Embry-Riddle Co. A graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, Cadet Hrkach was formerly employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. He enlisted in the Air Corps and served two years and nine months overseas, during which time he received the American Theatre and American Defense ribbons. He was appointed to cadet training at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla., and upon completion of his C. T. D. training at Raleigh, N. C., he was transferred to the Embry-Riddle School in Arcadia.

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