

Gordon Brandt, AUG 29 1948 Army Captain, Crash Victim

Former Lehigh Grid Star Killed in North Carolina

Death wrote finis yesterday to the Army career of Captain Gordon L. Brandt, former star athlete at Lehigh University, when the airplane in which he and three other fliers were flying crashed and burned shortly after noon seven miles east of Seymour-Johnson Field, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Word of the tragedy was received here yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Montgomery, 1935 Eaton Avenue, Bethlehem, parents of Capt. Brandt's wife. Details were not given but a wire dispatch said that the men were on a routine training flight.

Capt. Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brandt, Grand Rapids, Mich., and formerly of Nazareth Pike, this city, was in line for his majority and expected confirmation of his commission momentarily. He was to have taken a special four-week course at an Army field in Tennessee and then to have opened a new training



CAPT. GORDON L. BRANDT

school for crews of B-24 bombers at Panama City, Fla.

Capt. and Mrs. Brandt, the former Jean Montgomery, were to have enjoyed a ten-day leave with Mrs. Brandt's parents in Bethlehem and had planned to have their two-month-old son, Gordon Lewis Jr., baptised at Nativity Episcopal Church, the church in which they were married February 1, 1941 by the Rev. Charles Allen, the then assistant minister.

The crash victim graduated from Bethlehem High School and from Lehigh University, class of '40. He filled a backfield assignment on the varsity football team and was a member of the track and basketball squads, holding down the position of forward with the cagers. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Mrs. Brandt is also a graduate of Bethlehem High and an alumnae of Moravian College for Women. She and the child are expected in Bethlehem, Friday, as are Mr. and Mrs. Brandt.

An only brother of Capt. Brandt, Capt. Marvin Brandt, is on the flying staff of Eastern Air Lines and is stationed at Hialeah, Fla. He is a former officer in the U. S. Navy and is the husband of Geraldine Fink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fink of this city.

Funeral services for Capt. Brandt will be conducted Saturday at the Grim Home, West Broad Street and burial will be in the family plot, Memorial Park.

The Rev. Theodore T. Johnson, assistant minister at Nativity Episcopal Church, will conduct the service.

The dead flier is survived by his wife, his infant son, his father and mother and his brother, all mentioned previously.