

Thoma, Edward P.

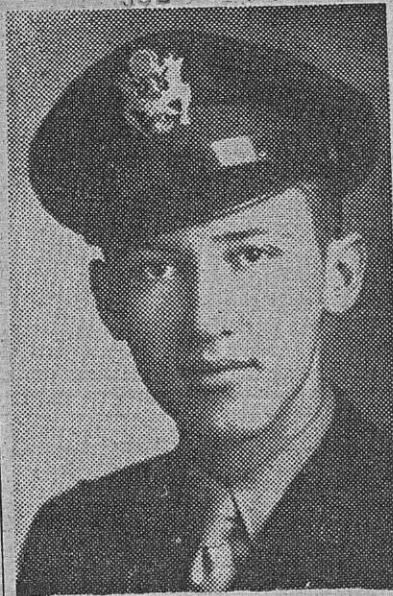
First Lieutenant Edward Thoma Killed in 20th Combat Mission

On his 20th bomber combat mission over enemy territory First Lieutenant Edward P. Thoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thoma, 801 Evans Street, made the supreme sacrifice for his country. His parents were in receipt of a telegram last evening from the War Department which read: "The secretary of the war desires me to express his deep regret that your son, First Lieutenant Edward P. Thoma, was killed in action June 20 over Germany," signed by the Adjutant.

An army release sent to the Globe-Times yesterday stated that he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "Exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in combat missions over enemy occupied territory," and since the time that release was made up at the Army News Bureau he was promoted to First Lieutenant.

He was born in Bursonville, June 4, 1923 and besides his parents is survived by a sister Miss Irene Thoma at home and a brother Pfc. John Thoma stationed at Tyndall Field, Florida.

Lieut. Thoma attended the St. Joseph's Caftrano's Parochial School and was graduated from Liberty High School with the class of 1941. He enlisted July 15, 1941 and received his basic training at the



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Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and was graduated from the Pampa Air Field, Pampa Texas, October, 1943, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He left for England, February, 1944.

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