

Breinig, Warren L. Jr.

## Capt. W. L. Breinig, Nazareth Veteran of 85 Bombing Missions, Dies In Florida Plane Crash

Captain Warren L. Breinig, Jr., aged 27, who had completed eighty-five missions with the Ninth Army Air Force in France and had escaped injury, was one of eight persons killed as two planes crashed in Florida yesterday, according to a telegram received last evening by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Breinig, Sr., of West Center Street, Nazareth.

Captain Breinig had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and fifteen Oak Leaf Clusters. The plane he flew on his 85 missions was similar to the one named "The Borough of Nazareth", which was made possible through the purchase of War Bonds by residents of Nazareth and vicinity. Captain Breinig flew "The Borough of Nazareth" while training at a Miami base before going overseas.

Captain Breinig entered the service in January, 1942. He was a graduate of Nazareth High School and Lehigh University.

He was one of the guest speakers at the dedication of the temporary honor roll unveiled in Nazareth on December 7, 1944.

Following his leave in Nazareth, which ended the day after Christmas, he reported to the Miami Beach Redistribution Center for reassignment, accompanied by his wife, the former Elizabeth Neely. He was then assigned to a field in Florida. Their daughter Gail, who is nearly two years old, remained in Nazareth with Captain Breinig's parents. He is also survived by his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Earl B. Hartman and Mrs. Nelson Bramer, both of Nazareth.

The fatalities were the result of a collision of a medium bomber and a fighter plane on the runway at the Kissimmee Army Air Field, at Orlando.

The crash occurred at 1:40 p. m.



**CAPT. WARREN L. BREINIG JR.**  
... DFC and Air Medal Holder  
Among Eight To Lose Life As  
Planes Collide In Florida.

yesterday at the end of the runway as one plane was coming in for a landing and the other was taking off. Both planes were participating in a combat training mission.

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