

George Richard Kentera, T-39

15 July 1922 – 4 October 1997

(aged 75)



From journalism school to a liberated prisoner of war is the course followed by Lieutenant George R. Kentera, Memphis F-47 Thunderbolt pilot, whose parents, C. W. Kentera of 1552 Maplewood were notified by a V mail letter from him that he is "safe, sound, and on his way home."

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING

Reported missing November 25, in a raid over Germany, the 22-year-old flier, a graduate of Tech High School, where he was a debating champion, went overseas last September. He received his wings last March at Foster Field, Victoria TX, and went down on his 11th mission.

A member of the Hollywood Baptist Church, Lieutenant Kentera received his Bachelor of Journalism degree at the University of Missouri in April 1943, just before entering the Army. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the national journalism fraternity, and former was a carrier for The Commercial Appeal.

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