

Edwin Baker Lawrence, T-40

14 October 1922 – 14 October 1944 (aged 22)



Pride --- Then Tragedy

How Lieutenant Edwin B. "Buddy" Lawrence, P-51 Mustang fighter pilot bagged his first German plane followed by a story on his promotion to First Lieutenant, was carried in Friday's Press-Scimitar.



Last night his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lawrence, 993 Oakview received a War Department telegram stating that Lawrence was killed in action over Europe October 14, the day of his 22nd birthday.

A letter from the Lieutenant, written October 9, told of going to another base somewhere in England to investigate the report that his cousin, Joe F. Weaver, Ackerman MS was missing in action. Weaver is now known to be a German prisoner.

A description of his first German plane destroyed said, "His outfit was flying at 10,000 feet, headed toward Frankfurt, when it spotted four German ships. At 250 yards, he opened fire and the German plane exploded into flames as its pilot parachuted to earth.

Lieutenant Lawrence was a stock manager with General Motors Acceptance Corporation before volunteering for the glider forces. Later he transferred to AAF pilot school and was commissioned at Phoenix AZ. He had a commercial glider license, was a member of the Soaring Society

of America and a former Tech High drum major. He went overseas on D-Day. He had been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Information from The Press-Scimitar, Tuesday, October 31, 1944.

