

Obit - Schmidt, Thomas J.

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SCHMIDT, EAGLE FLIER, IS LOST

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Eagle received word Tuesday morning that their son, Ensign Thomas J. Schmidt, 21, had been killed in an airplane crash over the ocean Sept. 27. The navy communique revealed that the son's body had been lost at sea. The location of the plane crash was not disclosed but it is believed to have been somewhere in the Atlantic.

Ensign Schmidt would have been 22 years old Monday. A graduate of Pionono high school in Milwaukee, he attended the Whitewater state teachers college and the University of Wisconsin. In February, 1942, he left the Madison campus and entered pre-flight training at Ames, Iowa. He received his wings at Corpus Christi and went to Miami, Florida, for advanced training before leaving for active duty.

He is survived by his parents and his brother, Fred, a Waukesha Motor co. employe. Dr. Schmidt is a well known Waukesha county physician. Plans for services will be announced later.

Ensign Schmidt Dead

The entire community was cast into deep gloom Tuesday when word reached here that one of our boys had lost his life in an airplane disaster. Dr. and Mrs. Fred M. Schmidt received word Tuesday morning that their son Ensign Thomas J. Schmidt, 21 years old had been killed in an airplane crash over the ocean Monday, September 27th. The location of the crash was not disclosed but it is believed to have been somewhere in the Atlantic. Ensign Schmidt would have been 22 years old Monday. A graduate of Pio Nona high school in Milwaukee he attended Whitewater State Teachers College and the University of Wisconsin. In June, 1942, he left the Madison campus and entered the pre-flight training in Iowa. He received his wings at Corpus Christi and went to Miami, Florida for advanced training before leaving for active duty. He is survived by his parents and a brother, Fred of the Waukesha Motors. Dr. Schmidt is a well known Waukesha County physician.

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DEATH CONFIRMED—Word was received in Eagle by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt Thursday, confirming an earlier report that their son, Ensign Thomas Schmidt, was killed in an airplane crash Sept. 27. A letter from Lt. Com. E. G. Konrad said that Schmidt had been killed and lost at sea near Charleston, R. I.

Schmidt, who was 22 years, held a distinguished Boy Scout record in Waukesha county and had been the Scout leader of the Eagle Lions club troop.

RITES PLANNED FOR ENS. THOMAS SCHMIDT

A vigil service for Ensign Thomas Schmidt, killed in a plane crash over the Atlantic last week, will be held at St. Theresa's church in Eagle Monday at 7:30 p. m., his parents Dr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Eagle said Saturday.

A full military memorial service will be held for the 21-year-old ensign when a solemn requiem high mass is read at 10 a. m. Tuesday at St. Theresa's.

Ensign Schmidt was lost at sea when his plane crashed according to reports received from the navy department regarding the crash which occurred Sept. 27 near Charleston, R. I.