Cole, Lloyd Robert



Photo added by Andy

Capt Lloyd Robert Cole

BIRTH	18 Oct 1919 Clark County, Kentucky, USA
DEATH	11 Jul 1943 (aged 23) Amsterdam, Amsterdam Municipality, Noord-Holland, Netherlands
BURIAL	Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial Neuville-en-Condroz, Arrondissement de Liège, Liège, Belgium
PLOT	C-1-10



Entered the service from Kentucky.

Cpt Lloyd R Cole joined the Air Corps of the Regular Army as an aviation cadet at fort Thomas, Newport, Kentucky on 22 November 1940 ... He attended college for 4 years and worked on a farm before he joined the army ... Mission for the day (all Bomb Groups combined) was to bomb railway assembly yards ... Halfway to Emden they were attacked by German fighters, damaged and had to leave formation ... they set an emergency course due west to England ... Over the north of the Netherlands in direction of Leeuwarden, they were harassed by fighters again and lost altitude ... Co-pilot Robert McCune was shot dead in his seat by 20mm rounds ... Pilot Cole was shot in the hip by 20mm ... In fact most of the crew were wounded ... They had to make an emergency landing north of the Zuyder Sea Pilot Captain Lloyd R where they were captured.
Cole was an interesting captive for the Germans as he was a high ranking officer ... They flew him to their Luftwaffe Hospital in Amsterdam ... However Cole never saw a POW-camp, he died 5 months later officially of his wounds in that Amsterdam hospital, where a leg was amputated earlier.
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Captain Lloyd Cole Among 209 Airmen Receiving Medals

By Associated Press

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Captain Lloyd R. Cole, Winchester, was among 209 American airmen awarded medals today, United States army headquarters announced.

Capt. Cole, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole, French avenue, has been in the air corps almost three years. He is the pilot of a flying Fortress, and has been in foreign service since last October.

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Lloyd R. Cole Reported As Missing In Action

WINCHESTER, Ky., Feb. 19 (Special)—Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole, of French avenue, received word from the War Department today that their son, Capt. Lloyd R. Cole, 23, pilot of a Flying Fortress, was missing in action.

The notification came just two days after Allied headquarters in London had announced that Captain Cole was one of 209 American fliers cited for bravery.

The War Department did not give the location of the action in which Captain Cole was involved. At last reports, he was stationed in England, where he had been sent last October.

Captain Cole enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1940 and completed his training at Randolph Field, Texas. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee University.

A few months ago he was married to Miss Mary May Crawford, of Houston, Texas, who is engaged in war work in the Texas city.

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street.

Mrs. Lloyd Cole, Fort Worth, Texas, wife of Capt. Lloyd Cole who has been reported missing in action over western Europe, arrived Saturday night for an extended visit with Captain Cole's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole, at their home on French avenue.

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Winchester Flier Reported As Prisoner Of German Government

Captain Lloyd R. Cole of Winchester, pilot of a Flying Fortress and missing in action since Feb. 4, was reported today by the war department as a prisoner of the German government.

The air corps officer, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole of French avenue, apparently was forced down in enemy territory during a raid from an English base. However, this was only the supposition of friends and kinsmen here and no official details of his capture were made available in the telegram received by his wife here Friday morning.

The message, signed by the adjutant general, stated, "Your husband, Captain Lloyd Cole, army air corps, is reported a prisoner of war of the German government."

A week ago, the war department had advised the family that Captain Cole was "missing in action." Two days earlier, an army order dispatched from London said Captain Cole was among several American fliers awarded medals for heroism. That dispatch, however, was apparently delayed since the original telegram stated Captain Cole had been "missing since Feb. 4."

Mrs. Lloyd Cole, recent bride of the 23-year-old air corps officer, came here several days ago from her home at Houston, Texas, after receipt of word that he was missing.

Captain Cole is the first Clark countian reported officially as a prisoner of the Germans.

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Winchester Flier Held In Hospital In Germany

WINCHESTER, Ky., June 18 (Special)—Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole of Winchester Thursday afternoon received word that their son, Capt. Lloyd Cole, was a patient in a German hospital, under treatment for a fractured left leg.

Mrs. Lloyd Cole telephoned her husband's parents from her home in Houston, Texas, Thursday to advise them she had received a letter from Captain Cole. He wrote that he was being well cared for, and that his injury was severe, the fracture being near the left hip. The letter bore no date.

Presumably, he was injured when his plane was shot down in an air raid over Nazi-occupied Europe.

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Winchester Army Man Missing In Action

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Names of 172 soldiers missing in action in the European, North African, South Pacific and Southwest Pacific areas were announced by the War Department today.

The list included Capt. Lloyd R. Cole, son of Dr. Ernest Cole, 11 French avenue, Winchester. (European area.)

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Capt. Lloyd Cole Under Treatment In Nazi Hospital

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole of Winchester, today received word that their son, Capt. Lloyd Cole, is a patient in a German hospital, under treatment for a fractured left leg.

The war department announced recently that Capt. Cole was a German prisoner, having been reported missing in the army air forces Feb. 4, 1943.

Mrs. Lloyd Cole telephoned her husband's parents from her home in Houston, Texas, today to advise them she had received a letter from Capt. Cole. He wrote he was being well cared for, and that his injury was severe, the fracture being near the left hip.

Presumably, he was injured when his plane was shot down in an air raid over Nazi-occupied Europe. There was no date on the letter.

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In German Hospital

WINCHESTER, Ky., Aug. 2 (Special)—Capt. Lloyd R. Cole, 23, pilot of a Flying Fortress and a German prisoner of war since Feb. 4, died in a German field hospital July 11, the provost marshal's office advised his family here today.

Captain Cole, pre-war graduate of the Army's flying school at Randolph Field, Texas, was a graduate of Washington and Lee University. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole, Winchester, he was born and reared here. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1940. Captain Cole was assigned to overseas duty last summer, as the pilot of a bomber.

On Feb. 19 his family was advised that he was missing in action. Subsequently it became known that he was a prisoner of the German government, and later that an injury necessitated the amputation of a leg. Captain Cole had written several letters to his family from the German hospital, the location of which was not made known.

Fragmentary information from squadron associates in recent months indicated that Captain Cole's bomber was forced down or shot down over a Danish Nazi-occupied island. He was decorated for bravery and heroism in London a short time before he was reported missing.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Crawford Cole, of Houston, Texas; a sister, Miss Elizabeth Anne Cole, and a brother, John Cole.

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War Injuries Fatal



CAPT. LLOYD R. COLE.

Lloyd R. Cole, 23-year-old bomber pilot, whose death in a German field hospital was reported earlier this week. Capt. Cole previously had been reported as injured when his plane went down during a raid over Nazi-occupied Europe. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole, of Winchester, and had been in the army air corps since 1940.

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TRIBUTE TO CAPT. COLE

TO THE SUN:

Your paper today contained an account of how Lloyd Robert Cole, at an early age and to the grief of an unnumbered company, having located his target for the night, ended his mission in enemy territory. And yet we wonder? His deeds will be a challenge, his pattern of patriotism will travel on, and his fine character, his great courage, and his high faith will inspire those of us who yet remain to complete the unfinished task. Then, it must be, what a way to serve! What a death to die! And in what a cause! We salute our comrade, the Captain of a Flying Fortress, who in serving his squadron well, served his God and Country better! We sorrow with those who mourn, and with them, too, we have a solemn pride. And we shall rise from our grief and gratitude and love to press toward the mark of his and our target for our time.

A Friend.
Chanute Field, Illinois.

Wartime Capital

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Hopkins, the President's adviser; Paul McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission; Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce; Admiral Emory S. Land of the War Shipping Administration, and Senators Chandler, LaFollette, Barkley and McNary are among the more ardent baseball enthusiasts. Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, makes it occasionally. Scores of high-ranking Army and Navy officers turn out almost nightly.

Griffith won't come out and say that he's coining money, but he doesn't deny it. Griffith opposed the idea of night baseball for years but finally relented two years ago and agreed on a limited number of games under lights. Now he's the most out-spoken backer of nocturnal baseball in the majors. He asked for, and won, permission several weeks ago to play all games, except Sunday contests, at night. The clicking turnstiles probably changed his viewpoint.

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Full Sacrifice

A few days ago, the war department announced that a Winchester boy, Capt. Lloyd R. Cole, a bomber pilot, had died in a German field hospital. So far as is known here, Capt. Cole is the only Clark countian to have given his life while a prisoner of the enemy.

Capt. Cole, injured presumably when his plane crashed over German-occupied Europe, was the first of Winchester's pre-war fliers to die in the line of duty. Only four years out of his 'teens, Capt. Cole exemplified the high type of American manhood whose loss now cuts so deeply and whose absence in the post-war reconstruction period will be so sadly missed by a generation whose fate it was to be called to the battlefronts.

Clark county's war fatalities already are at the top in proportion with the rest of the nation. Almost two years ago, at Pearl Harbor, when the first shells burst, Chester Rose and George Scott, assigned to battleships, died in action. Raymond James Arthur was next to give his life on a foreign field. Then, Miller Ashcraft and Charles Byrd Young, by aviation crashes within this country, and two other fliers by tragic accidents not directly related to the service. And more recently, a gunner on a bomber, Sgt. James Arnold, is reported missing in action over Italy.

Others from Clark county, whose addresses became changed in recent years to other localities, have died on the field of battle. Few families in our community have escaped the loss of a kinsman on the scattered battlefronts of the world. These fine and gallant young men have lighted the beacons along the trail which must lead to victory for humanity.

The symbolic career of Capt. Cole, his many personal attainments, the achievement of his ambition to attack the enemy on the front line, his injuries in that conquest and his full sacrifice might well have come from the pages of a book, a book in which the final chapter will be written by the Great Author.

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Winchester Fatality Honored In Prayer Service At Meeting Of Disabled Veterans

Special to The Sun

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 24.—A prayer in the name of Capt. Lloyd R. Cole, of Winchester, Ky., as a memorial to all the World War II dead of Kentucky was offered this week at the 22nd national convention of the Disabled American Veterans meeting in the Hotel New Yorker in their first war-time conclave.

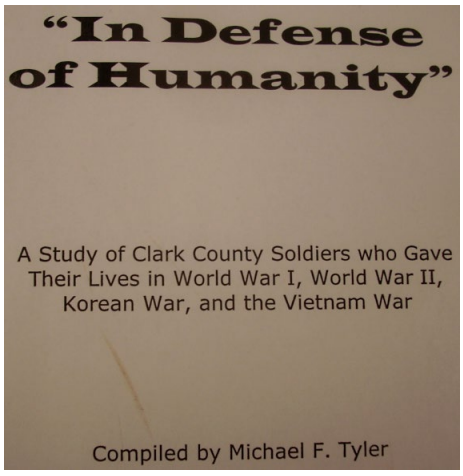
Capt. Cole's name was picked at random from a list of casualties released by the War Department to symbolize the casualties from Kentucky. The same procedure was followed for the other 47 states and the District of Columbia.

The memorial service was a feature of the DAV's national conventions and this year for the first time the service was dedicated to the dead of World War II as well as the dead of World War I and other wars. Rev. David I. White, of Nashville, Tenn., national chaplain of the DAV, conducted the service.

Incorporated by an act of Congress as the official voice of these disabled in defense of the nation, the Disabled American Veterans promulgated a program for care of World War II disabled in convention sessions dedicated to the theme, "The Time is Now!"

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Mrs. Lloyd R. Cole, Houston, Texas, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole at their home on French avenue.



Captain Cole was the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Cole. He died on July 11, 1943, while in a German hospital, due to a badly fractured leg, reportedly sustained when his plane was shot down during an air raid over Nazi-Occupied territory. Prior to his death, Captain Cole had written a letter to his wife in Houston, Texas, informing her that his injuries were severe, but that he was being well cared for. He had served as a bomber pilot in the air force since 1940.