Brandenburg, James H

1LT JAMES HEBER BRANDENBURG
335 FIGHTER SQ 4 FIGHTER GR
USAAF
MARCH 21, 1944
CAEN, FRANCE

James Heber Brandenburg

BIRTH	9 Sep 1922 Owsley County, Kentucky, USA
DEATH	21 Mar 1944 (aged 21) Caen, Departement du Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France
BURIAL	Berea Cemetery Berea, Madison County, Kentucky, USA





Served in the 335th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force USAAF.

Lt. James Heber Brandenburg, 21 MAR 44 Struck by flak while strafing an airdrome near Caen. With aircraft on fire, was seen to climb to 1,000 feet, roll over and bail out over Carpiquet, France. Chute seen to open at treetop level. Found dead at the scene by the Germans.

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Former Clark Man Missing In Action

WINCHESTER, Ky., April 6 (Special)—James H. Brandenburg, 21, flight commander with the U. S. Air Forces, and a former resident of Winchester, has been reported missing in action, according to a message received here by friends.

Brandenburg entered the Canadian Royal Air Force almost four years ago, at the age of 17, while he was still too young to join the U. S. Air Forces. He had later transferred to the U. S. forces and had been in England more than a year.

The young officer was a graduate of Winchester high school and attended Kentucky Wesleyan College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Brandenburg, now reside in Cincinnati. They formerly resided here where Mr. Brandenburg operated a grocery business.

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LT. JAMES H. BRANDENBURG, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brandenburg, formerly of Winchester, Ky., now of Cincinnati, previously listed by the War Department as missing in action over France since March 21, 1944, was reported killed in action on the same date, it was learned here.

The family previous had been informed by a fellow flyer that Lt. Brandenburg had parachuted from his plane and was believed to have landed safely.

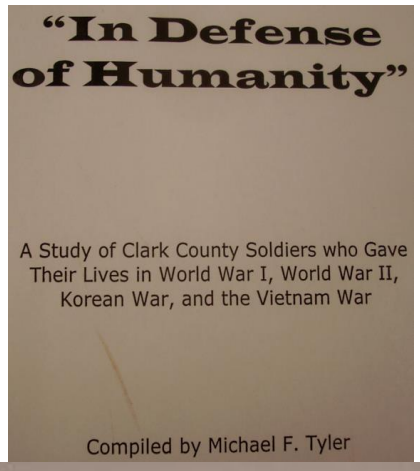
Lt. Brandenburg enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in September 1941, and was transferred to the U. S. Air Force in June 1943. He had been stationed on overseas duty for more than two years.

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Former Winchester Boy Lost In Action

WINCHESTER, Ky., Nov. 11 (Special)—First Lt. James H. Brandenburg, Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Winchester, who has been reported missing in action over France since March 21, has been officially announced as killed in action March 21 over Caen, France. Lieutenant Brandenburg, pilot of a Mustang fighter plane, had been overseas, both with the Royal Canadian Air Force as well as the A. A. F. After completing his freshman year at Kentucky Wesleyan College he entered the R.C.A.F. in September, 1941, and flew as one of its members until he transferred to the A.A.F. in June, 1943.

Hope previously was held for the safety of the flier by his family upon the receipt of a letter from a fellow pilot. He wrote that Lieutenant Brandenburg had jumped from his stricken plane and his parachute opened. The writer expressed assurance that Lieutenant Brandenburg was safe.



Brandenburg, James H.

First Lieutenant James Brandenburg was sworn into the Royal Canadian Air Force on October 2, 1941, completing his training in Toronto, Canada. He transferred to the U. S. Army Air Force in June, 1943, with which he served until his death over Caen, France on March 21, 1944. Brandenburg had been involved in many successful missions, including several over Berlin. He was honored with the Oak Leaf Cluster Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Before Brandenburg's service in the military, and education at Kentucky Wesleyan College, he was a member of the football and track teams at Winchester High School. Lt. Brandenburg was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Brandenburg.