

Bomber Explodes Ernest Matthews, 2nd Lt., Is Killed

N. Champlain St.
Man in Fatal Blast
Over England Mar. 30

A big bomber exploding in mid-air close to its home base in England shortly after taking off on an operational mission cost the life of 2nd Lieut.

Ernest A. Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Matthews of 40 N. Champlain st. The accident occurred on Mar. 30, 1945 only a few weeks after Lieut. Matthews had arrived overseas.



This information was contained in a letter by the Catholic chaplain of the bombing group to Lieut. Matthews' widow in Fairfield, Conn., and also to his parents here. The war department notified them of his death in a telegram last month, but gave no details.

Six members of the bomber's crew were killed in the explosion, reported the chaplain. Three others were thrown clear and parachuted to safety suffering only minor injuries. Lieut. Matthews and the other accident victims were buried with full military honors in the American military cemetery at Cambridge, England. He was a bombardier on a Flying Fortress.

Ernest Matthews 22 May 1945

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