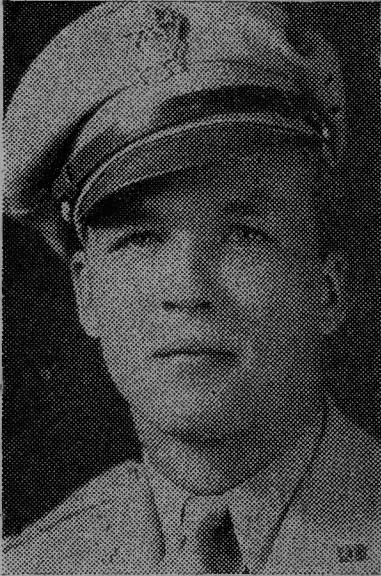


LETTER FROM ARMY AIR FORCE



W. A. R. GOODWIN, JR.

Lt. W. A. R. Goodwin, Jr., First Casualty Here

Missing In Action Over Sicily In August 1943. Awarded Purple Heart Posthumously.

Reported missing in action on August 9, 1943, Lt. W. A. R. Goodwin, Jr. was Williamsburg's first war casualty. He was reported missing after a strafing and bombing mission in Sicily, having previously flown as a pursuit pilot in Africa.

Recently the War Department has reached a determination in this case, and Lt. Goodwin has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Lt. Goodwin attended the Matthew Whaley School in Williamsburg, and subsequently graduated from the Episcopal High School in Virginia, where he was appointed head monitor in the 100th year of the School. He attended the University of Virginia, from which he resigned in his sophomore year, at the time of Pearl Harbor, to enlist in the air corps of the United States Army.

He was the son of Mrs. Ethel Goodwin and the late Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 29, 1944

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

My deepest regrets have been expressed that an official determination has been made of the death of your son, Second Lieutenant William Arthur Goodwin, Jr., who has been missing in action since August 9, 1943, in the North African area.

Information has reached me that Lieutenant Goodwin was a cheerful and determined worker who successfully completed his cadetship at Spence Field. Known as an officer of fine character and pleasing personality, he served with the utmost loyalty and was highly regarded as a pilot by all of his associates.

I hope the memory that your son contributed his best and died for our cause will be of solace in your bereavement.

My heartfelt sympathy is extended to you and other members of the family in behalf of General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General, Army Air Forces, who is temporarily away from Headquarters.

Very sincerely,

DARBY M. GILES,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Commander, Army Air Forces.

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