

Strange as it may seem, we have received three stories almost at the same time concerning the three P-51 Aircraft received by the 357th Fighter Group. Theoretically they were purchased by U.S. military men when they bought U.S. War Bonds by having a deduction taken from their monthly pay.

First John Salsman wrote of his aircraft "Mazie R", C5-C purchased by War Bonds.

Secondly our "Friends" member of England, Fred Church wrote us an interesting letter on the War Bond program.

Third as we were helping the family of our deceased Pilot Robert Moore (363rd) to learn about his war days, his sister Mrs. Orral Moore Murphy sent us some of her brothers memorabilia which included the newspaper clipping of the death of Lt. Edward K. Simpson, the pilot of the aircraft "Flying Panther" B6-? It is our assumption that Bob Moore kept this item for he and Simpson were close friends.

The other 357th Aircraft purchased by War Bonds was "Pride of the Yanks" flown by Charles Sumner as C5-Z with Crew Chief Lee Henley.

East Orange High Mourning Pilot of Its 'Flying Panther'

East Orange High School today mourned the death in action of 1st Lt. Edward K. Simpson and the loss of the "Flying Panther," P-51 Mustang fighter bought by students' war bonds. Lt. Simpson, pilot of the plane, had been reported missing seven months ago.

The pilot is now officially reported killed in action during a mission over St. Florentine, France, August 10, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Simpson of Hampton, formerly of 328 Oakwood avenue, Orange. His father was honorably discharged from the marines four days before Lt. Simpson's death.

Lt. Simpson enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor was flying another Mustang in Europe when the "Flying Panther" arrived as a gift from Orange students. Lt. Simpson



Lt. Edward K. Simpson

Oil Truck-Auto Crash Sprays Nutley Street

Fuel oil was sprayed over the pavement at Park avenue and River road, Nutley, at 11 A. M. today when a trailer truck and a passenger car collided and both overturned.

The truck, owned by the Hedden Fuel Oil Corp. of 921 Bergen avenue, Jersey City, was driven by Joseph J. Borges, 25, of 90 Crescent avenue, Jersey City. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic.

Samuel Yurkiewicz of 528 Riverside avenue, Lyndhurst, was driver of the auto. He was not hurt.

Called to Service

ESSEX BOARDS

BLOOMFIELD 7	Keckelissen, R. A.
Army	Reed, Frederick W.
Barr, Frank F., Jr.	Navy
DiMaggio, Mario	Heckel, Maynard C.
Guarneri, S. S.	Quick, Richard C.
Iacovantuno, V.	Quinlan, Raymond S.
	M. Swenson, Alfred C.

mother is a graduate of the school. He was made its pilot and was credited with shooting down three Jerries in it. He had previously gotten two others. Lt. Simpson was a graduate of Carteret School. Besides his parents, who live at Duck Hill Farm, Hampton, he leaves his wife, the former Leona Martin of La Verne.