

CHILDS, John L.

B: 8 September 1922 Hempstead, NY

D: 6 November 1944 Salzbergen, GER



Lt. John L. Childs, Fighter Pilot

Floral Park, Dec. 29—2d Lt. John Lewis Childs, 22, son of Mrs. Clarice Hunt Childs and the late Vernon G. Childs, was killed in action over Germany on Nov. 6, according to word from the War Department received at his home, 91 Tulip Ave. He was a pilot of a P-51 Mustang with the 8th Air Force and had been overseas since September.

Lieutenant Childs was a grandson of the late John Lewis Childs, florist, whose gardens in Floral Park gave the village its name. A graduate of Sewanhaka High School, he was a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute when he joined the air force in February, 1943. He received his wings last January at Marianna, Fla.

Besides his mother, he is survived by a sister, Doris Childs.

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Hometown: Floral Park, New York

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

None assigned

4th Service: 27 October 1944 – 6 November 1944

2 missions

6 NOV 44 Shot down by an ME-109 just S of Rheine-Salzbergen Airdrome.

KIA (MACR 10444)

Victories:

none

Decorations:

Purple Heart