

SLATER, John T.

“Johnnie”

B: 25 January 1918 Newark, NJ

D: 21 September 1942 The North Sea



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Lieut. Slater of U. S. Air Forces Killed in Action

Lieut. John T. Slater Jr. of Waverly was killed in action over Flushing, Holland, on Sept. 21.

His death was revealed in a letter from the United States secretary of war received today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Slater of 495 Fulton street Waverly. He had been previously reported missing.

The latter communication also revealed that Lieut. Slater had been transferred to the United States air forces before his death. For a year he had been a pilot in the Eagle squadron, a group of American pilots who enlisted and were fighting with the Royal Air force. Up until a few days before his last flight he had been engaged in action with the RAF squadron, but the transfer from 'eagle' squadron to U. S. ranks made him an American pilot.

When the transfer was made he received a commission as a second lieutenant.

The Evening Times (Sayre, PA)
16 October 1942

Hometown: Waverly, New York

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

N/A

4th Service: 21 September 1942

21 SEP 42 While on a shipping recco off the Dutch coast, he located and attacked a convoy protected by several flak ships. His A/c was struck by flak and he notified his wingman he was going to bail out. Before he could his a/c nosed over and went in from 1,000'.

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Tablets of the Missing
Netherlands American Cemetery
Margraten, The Netherlands

Victories:

None

Decorations:

N/A