

SMITH, Walter Jr.

B: 1922 AL

D: 6 June 1944 near Le Neubourg, FRA

Walter Smith Listed As Missing In Action

The War Department announced Tuesday night that Walter Smith, Jr., a former employe of the editorial departments of The Birmingham News-Age-Herald, has been reported missing in action while serving on U. S. Air Force duty over France.

A flight officer, Smith joined the Royal Canadian Air Force three years ago and upon America's entrance into the war transferred to the U. S. Army Air Forces.

Walter Smith, Sr., said his son was reported missing over France June 6, the day the invasion started.

Flight Officer Smith attended Howard College and was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity.

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The Birmingham (AL) News
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Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

Rank: Flight Officer

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

N/A

4th Service: 2 May 1944 – 6 June 1944

6 JUN 44 Section was strafing a train when bounced by fifteen ME-109's and FW-190's. Shot down and killed in the ensuing action.

KIA (MACR 5606)

Victories:

None

Decorations:

Air Medal, Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.