

WORTMAN, Ward K.

B: 6 October 1917 Spokane, WA

D: 14 July 1943 near Amiens, FRA

WARD WORTMAN, EAGLE PILOT, LOST

Spokane Golf Champ in Le Bourget Raid July 14.

Second Lieutenant Ward K. Wortman, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wortman, E306 Nineteenth, is listed as missing in action since July 14 in the European area, according to wire information received by his family.

Lieutenant Wortman, member of a fighter pilot group of the Eighth air force stationed in England, is believed to have last participated in the raid on July 14 over Le Bourget airport in the Paris suburbs and four other German installations. His family received a letter from him Friday, written July 10.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Lieutenant Wortman joined the royal Canadian air force and received his training at Tulsa, Okla. He won his pilot officer wings following this training and went into the royal air force, where he piloted Spitfires. In October of 1942 he transferred to the United States army air corps. Lieutenant Wortman went overseas in May of 1942 with the R. C. A. F. from Canada.

Joined Eagle Squadron.

After his transfer into the army air corps, Lieutenant Wortman was placed with a group of American pilots who had also been with the R. A. F. and had formed the American Eagle squadron.

Well known in Spokane and throughout the Inland Empire for his golf, Lieutenant Wortman was city golf champion, as well as at Manito, and the Inland Empire golf champion. He attended the University of Washington and Stanford university.

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Hometown: Spokane, Washington

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-1-RE 42-7939 WD-Z

4th Service: 22 February 1943 – 14 July 1943

14 Jul 43 Attacked a pair of FW-190's 10 miles E of Amiens, France. Not heard from after the engagement nor was he seen to go down.

KIA. (MACR 3149)

Buried at Normandy American Cemetery
Colleville-sur-Mer, France
Plot D Row 22 Grave 34

Victories:

None

Decorations:

Air Medal, Purple Heart.