

LEHMAN, Peter G.

B: 17 January 1917 Baltimore, MD

D: 31 March 1944 Littlebury, ENG



Peter Lehman Killed in Plane Crash

New York (AP)—In a New York hospital suffering from a fractured knee joint, former Governor Herbert Lehman was told yesterday of the death of his son, Lieut. Peter Lehman, who was killed March 31 in an airplane crash in England.

Reports from England said that Lieutenant Lehman had been performing acrobatic maneuvers in his army fighter plane when the crash occurred. He had more than fifty missions to his credit.

Lehman's plane crashed into a field after going into a spin and he did not have a chance to bail out.

Lehman had completed 57 missions, but ironically he had not achieved his ambition to shoot down a German plane. He had, however, been in several scraps with enemy fighters.

Once he had a narrow brush when an enemy fighter bore down on him with machine guns blazing. A companion, First Lieut. Willard Millikan of Malvern, Ia., came along and shot down the fighter in the nick of time.

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Hometown: New York City, New York

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47C-5-RE 41-6573 VF-S *BEVOAPABM*

P-51B-7-NA 43-6846 VF-S

4th Service: 25 August 1943 – 31 March 1944

27 NOV 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

14 JAN 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

31 MAR 44 Up on a local flight to practice dogfighting, his aircraft was seen to flip on its back and go straight into the deck. Crashed 2 miles west of Littlebury, England.

KIFA.

Buried at Cambridge American Cemetery
Cambridge, England
Plot B Row 2 Grave 20

Victories:

None

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC),
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.