

# Outstanding Former Cadet Killed in Action

"I remember him well. He was Cadet First Captain, equivalent to Wing Commander, of Class 43-A and was the outstanding cadet in his class. I'd even venture to say that in my opinion, he was one of the three best cadets that trained at this post."

The speaker was Captain V. C. Cardarella, Operations Officer at the local air base and he was referring to Lt. Stalie C. Reed Jr., who was reported killed in action, late in April of this year.

Captain Cardarella was Commandant of Cadets in September of 1942 when Lt. Reed was taking primary training at the airport. He recalls that Reed was well liked and respected by fellow cadets. He was an outstanding athlete and by virtue of his previous military training in the coast artillery knew the Army well. In his position as Cadet First Captain he proved very valuable during his stay at Douglas and proved his leadership ability.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Reed of Hindsville, West Virginia, were notified of their sons' death through a letter from the chaplain of the unit to which he was attached. He was killed on April 22 in action over England when his plane was intercepted while he was returning from a sortie against the enemy.

After taking his training at the local field Lt. Reed went to Greenville, Miss., and George Field, Ill., for basic and advanced training. He graduated as a bomber pilot and was assigned to an anti-submarine squadron in the South America area after taking advanced flight training at Langley Field, Va. He was later returned to the States for further training in Florida, Iowa and

Utah, after which he received his promotion to first lieutenant and in February of this year left for England.