

## In Medical Unit.

Wayne L. Simpson of 207 Eighth avenue, Juniata, is now stationed at the United States army's medical replacement training center at Camp Pickett, Va., where he is undergoing intensive physical, military and specialized medical training.

# Missing Youth Held Killed In South Pacific

AUG 14 1944 (2)

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Simpson of 207 Eighth avenue, Juniata, last evening received a war department telegram informing them that their son, 2nd Lt. Wayne L. Simpson, reported as missing in action since July 13, over Yap island in the Southwest Pacific, had been killed.

The message to the Simpson family was identical with that received Saturday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Ball of 525 Third avenue, whose son, 2nd Lt. Walter E. Ball, jr., was pilot of the plane on which Lt. Simpson served as bombardier.

Lt. Simpson was born in Juniata on May 20, 1923 the youngest child of William S. and Mary (Nelson) Simpson, and had resided in Juniata all his life. He graduated in 1942 from Altoona High school and prior to entering the air force was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, later the Martin Aircraft company and the Bethlehem Steel corporation.

He entered the service on Jan. 7, 1943, training at Camp Pickett, Va., Nashville, Tenn., Santa Ana, Calif., Carlsbad, N. M., Fresno, Calif., and Tonopah, Nev., receiving his wings and commission on Dec. 24, 1943 at Carlsbad army air field. He had been overseas less than sixty days when he met death.

Surviving are his parents, seven brothers and sisters, of whom four brothers are in the service. They are S/Sgt. Melvin W. and Sgt. Olin S. Simpson, both stationed in England, Sgt. Nelson B., in Homestead, Fla., and Lorn S. Simpson, in camp in Virginia. Also surviving are a brother, James D. Simpson of Union, N. J., Miss Velma of Washington, D. C., and Miss Zola of Bridgewater, Va.

Lt. Simpson was an active member of the Juniata Church of the Brethren.

## At Bombardier School.

CARLSBAD, N. M.—Aviation Cadet Wayne L. Simpson, son of



Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson of 207 Eighth avenue Juniata, Altoona, has reported for duty at the army air forces bombardier school here where he will study advanced high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation. Cadet Simpson

Cadet Simpson received his pre-flight training at the army air forces replacement center, Santa Ana, Calif.

## Is Commissioned.

CARLSBAD, N. M. — Aviation Cadet Wayne Leon Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Simpson of 207 Eighth avenue, Juniata, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlsbad W. L. Simpson. army air field.



HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF,  
SOUTH PACIFIC—Three Altoona  
men recently arrived in the South  
Pacific and became members of  
the 13th AAF, the air force which  
blasted Jap air power from Guadal-  
canal to Truk in its northwest-  
ward drive.

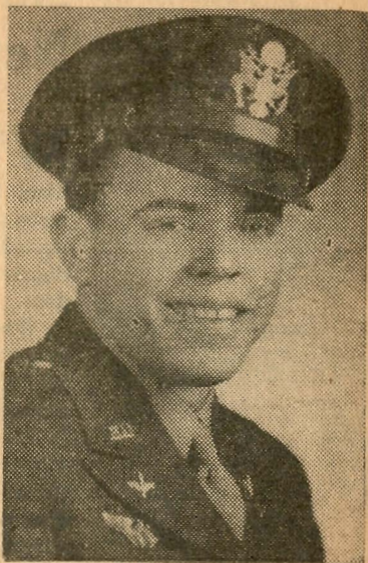
They are: 2nd Lt. Walter E. Ball,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E.  
Ball, 525 Third avenue. Lieutenant  
Ball, pilot of a B-24 Liberator, en-  
tered the AAF Jan. 8, 1943 and re-  
ceived his wings and commission  
Nov. 3, 1943.

2nd Lt. Wayne L. Simpson, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Simp-  
son, 207 Fifth avenue, Juniata.  
Lt. Simpson, bombardier of a B-24  
Liberator, was graduated from Al-

toona High school, worked for the  
Pennsylvania railroad, Martin Air-  
craft company and Bethlehem Steel  
corporation before entering the  
AAF Jan. 7, 1943. He received his  
wings and commission Dec. 24,  
1943.

Flight Officer John I. Hudspeth,  
son of Mrs. Sue Hudspeth, 2602  
Eighth avenue. F. O. Hudspeth,  
bombardier of a B-24 Liberator,  
formerly attended Susquehanna  
university, Selinsgrove, and enter-  
ed the AAF July 18, 1940. He re-  
ceived his wings and commission  
Feb. 5, 1944, at Deming, N. M.

## WINS TROPHY



WAYNE L. SIMPSON

# Juniatan Has Fine Record

MAR 21 1944

Lieutenant Wayne L. Simpson, aged 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Simpson\* of 207 Eighth avenue, Juniata, was awarded the trophy on display in the Altoona Mirror's Green avenue window for exceptionally fine marksmanship in the bomber Olympics held at Carlsbad, N. M., last December, in which he scored the second highest record in his division. The trophy is a smoking set, designed as a bomb.

Lieutenant Simpson was graduated as a navigator and bombardier at Carlsbad, having earlier trained at Camp Pickett, Va., Nashville, Tenn., Santa Ana, Calif., Carlsbad, N. M., Fresno, Calif., and Tonopah, Nev., where he is now stationed. He was graduated in 1942 from the Altoona High school where he specialized in cabinet work.

He is one of five brothers in the service, the others being Staff Sergeant Melvin W., Sergeant Nelson B. and Sergeant Olin S. Simpson, all of whom are overseas, and Loren S. Simpson, in camp in Virginia. Sergeant Olin on March 15 had marked two birthday anniversaries in the army, having entered on Feb. 2, 1942.

The soldiers' father, W. S. Simpson, is a former city councilman.

# IS MISSING SINCE JULY 13

## Second Lt. Wayne L. Simpson Is Unre- ported In Flight Over Yap Island.

~~JUL 27 1944~~

Second Lt. Wayne L. Simpson, aged 21, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Simpson of 207 Eighth avenue, Juniata, was reported missing in action since July 13, over Yap island, according to a telegram received by his parents at 10 o'clock this morning.

The war department message stated that any further information would be forwarded.

Lt. Simpson, one of eight children, has been overseas less than sixty days as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator. He entered the army air force on Jan. 7, 1943, and trained at Camp Pickett, Va., Nashville, Tenn., Santa Ana, Calif., Carlsbad, N. M., Fresno, Calif., and Tonopah, Nev. He received his commission and wings on Dec. 24, 1943, at Carlsbad army air field.

### Altoona High Grad.

A graduate of Altoona High school in 1942, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the Martin Aircraft company and Bethlehem Steel corporation before entering the service.

Lt. Simpson is one of five brothers in the service. S/Sgt. Melvin W. Simpson and Sgt. Olin S. Simpson are stationed in England. Sgt. Nelson B. Simpson is stationed in Homestead, Fla., after returning from twenty-one months in South America, and Loren S. Simpson is in a camp in Virginia.

A sixth brother, James Dalbert Simpson lives in Union, N. J. A sister, Velma Simpson, is working for the government in Washington, D. C., while a second sister, Zola, is attending college in Bridgewater, Va.

In December, 1943, he was awarded a trophy for exceptionally fine marksmanship in the bomber Olympics held at Carlsbad, N. M., in which he scored the second highest record in his division. The trophy, a smoking set designed as a bomb, was on display in the Altoona Mirror's Green avenue window until recently.