

# Lieut. Richard Rosebush, Port Edwards, Dies in Crash of Army Airplane

Second Lieut. Richard G. Rosebush, 26, son of F. H. Rosebush of Port Edwards, lost his life in the crash of an army plane in mountainous country between Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo., his father was notified this morning in a telegram from Lowry field, Denver.

Time of the crash was established as approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday, but it was not until 10:30 p.m. Monday that searching parties reached the scene and recovered the bodies of Rosebush and his flying companion, Second Lieut. John L. Rencher, 22, of Opelika, Ala.

**On Flight from Texas**  
Lieuts. Rosebush and Rencher were on a cross country flight from Ellington field, Houston, Tex., their home station, to Lowry field. It is not known which of the two was at the controls at the time of the crash, 16 miles south of Agate, Colo., nor did military authorities advance any theory as to the cause of the tragedy.

Mr. Rosebush was notified at Port Edwards Monday that his son was long overdue on the flight to Denver. This morning came confirmation that the plane had crashed, carrying its occupants to their deaths.

Lieut. Rosebush is the second Wood county young man to die in the service of his country since the outbreak of war, the first being Julius Rude jr., Route 1, Wisconsin Rapids, who perished aboard the U. S. destroyer Truxton which went down in a storm off Newfoundland February 18. Both Rosebush and Rude were graduates of Lincoln high school here.

**Funeral Time Not Set**  
Lieut. Rosebush's body is being returned to Port Edwards, but the family has not been notified when it will arrive. Funeral arrangements, which are in charge of Baker & Son, will be announced later.

Richard George Rosebush was born March 29, 1916, at Rochester, N. Y. He attended school at Port Edwards, where his father is employment manager of the Nekoosa-Paper company, and took the last two years of his preparatory schooling at Lincoln high school in Wisconsin Rapids, graduating with the class of 1932 as an honor student. He was active in oratory, music and dramatics during his high school career, being a member of the Gamma Sigma and French clubs and having a role in the senior class play. Then followed four years at Lawrence college, Appleton, where he established a fine scholastic record and was graduated in June, 1935. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Enlisted in June, 1941  
After leaving college, Rosebush



**CRASH VICTIM**—Death came to Second Lieut. Richard G. Rosebush (above) of Port Edwards in the crash of an army plane in the Colorado mountains late Saturday. Searching parties from Lowry field, Denver, did not reach the wreckage and recover the bodies of Lieut. Rosebush and his flying companion until late Monday night. Lieut. Rosebush, son of F. H. Rosebush, entered the air corps as a flying cadet in June, 1941, receiving his wings last December.

was employed by the Employers' Mutual Insurance company of Wausau until his enlistment in the army air corps as a flying cadet in June, 1941. He took primary training at Spartan air college, Tulsa, Okla., basic training at Randolph field, Tex., and advanced training at Ellington field, Tex., where he received his wings and commission last December. He had been stationed at Ellington field since then as an instructor.

Surviving Lieut. Rosebush besides his father and stepmother are one brother, Ward, of Atlanta, Ga., and three uncles, Judson and Stephen Rosebush of Appleton and W. L. Rosebush of Millwood, Wash. His mother preceded him in death several years ago. Word of Lieut. Rosebush's death came simultaneously with news of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Rosebush Monday evening.

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