

CHRISTEN, JAMES BRUCE

First lieutenant, 36th Troop Carrier Sq., 316th Troop Carrier Group, Army Air Corps, 0-790 139. Born 24 Apr. 1921, the son of Bruce C. and Alice (Jackson) Christen. Residence, Decatur. Enlisted 4 Sep. 1941 at Fort Benjamin Harrison as an aviation cadet. Training: Maxwell Field, Ala., Turner Field, Ga., Fort Benning, Ga., Stout Field, Ind. Received his wings and was commissioned 2d lieutenant at Turner Field May 1942. Sent overseas Nov. 1942 as pilot of a C-47 transport plane. Killed in plane crash over Sicily, 11 July 1943, while carrying supplies to the troops in Sicily. Buried temporarily near Gela, Sicily; later in Maplewood Cemetery, Decatur.