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CAPT. TED SCHINDLER

The community's sympathies go out to the John W. Schindler family, who this week were officially notified that their son, Capt. Ted K. Schindler had been killed in action last February 28th. While only meager hope had been held for Capt. Schindler's safety, there was still that faint hope that "perhaps" he might be reported live.

It was ironical that the message informing Mrs. Schindler of her son's death should have arrived here while the family had traveled to Camp Atterbury to welcome home a third son, who only last week was honorably discharged from the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Schindler knew the anxieties of war as perhaps few people of this community knew them. They had three sons and all three had enlisted in the air corps. Their sons were on both the European and Pacific fronts. During the days of war, there was that continual apprehension that struck all parents of service men and women, that perhaps the "ill news might be forthcoming."

Those of us were not required to give sons or daughters to the armed services will never realize the great sacrifices that really were made in our behalf.

Capt. Ted Schindler had rendered outstanding services in the army. He had only shortly before his death been promoted to the rank of a captain, which was a tribute to his ability as a pilot. He had successfully completed 29 missions over enemy territory. He was so near that goal that most pilots hoped for of having completed his 35 missions. Fate had decreed otherwise and his tragedy is symbolical of life. Some fail early to attain their goals, others are denied that pleasure when within striking distance, while many others are privileged to achieve their missions.

Those who knew Ted Schindler best, liked him most. Although of a reserved and quiet disposition, his personality and congeniality won many friends for him. He had attained many successes in his short career.

Capt. Schindler's death should remind all of us that we who are the recipients of the fruits of peace, should so live that in future years other fine young men like Ted Schindler will not be required to sacrifice their precious lives because we at home did not know how to live with our fellowmen.

(Karin King note: Ted is buried Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, Missouri)