



JOHN H. WHITE

Maj. John Howard White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul White of Kensett, Arkansas, was born on May 25, 1916, at Morrisville, Missouri, and moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1918. He attended Kensett High School and Arkansas State College and later went to the University of Arkansas. Completing his education, he was employed as a teacher in White County and at Lanesburg, Arkansas, until he resigned his position to enter the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet in August 1941. Major White completed his training and was commissioned as a pilot at Luke Field, Arizona, in April 1942. He was almost immediately sent to England, arriving there in June 1942. In the air combat over Europe he flew a British Spitfire fighter plane in an American squadron and was classed as an ace after shooting down five German planes. Overseas a total of 16 months, he took part in the raid on Dieppe on the coast of France, and the invasions of North Africa and Sicily. Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters and the European Theater Ribbon with four Battle Stars, he was returned to this country in September 1943, and for the next two years served as the squadron commander in training units of Army Air fields in Tennessee, Texas, Kansas and New Mexico. He also had charge of training several units from Brazil and Mexico. Major White was accidentally killed on October 5, 1945, at Amarillo, Texas, when another plane crashed into the C-45 which he had just landed. This brave officer is survived by his wife, Maude Shaver White.