

Utah Pilot Lost In Atlantic Plane Crash

GLEN COVE, N. Y., Aug. 25 (AP)—A search by army and coast guard boats and planes Monday still had not yielded any trace of an army training plane with two aboard which eyewitnesses said crashed into Long Island sound off Matincock point about midnight Saturday.

Officials at Mitchell field, from which the plane took off on a training flight late Saturday night, said it was an AT-6 piloted by Maj. O. R. Allred, 27, Cedar City, Utah, and carrying Cpl. Ralph E. Poppelt, stationed at the field.

The coast guard said an employe of a Long Island Yacht club saw the plane plunge into the water.

Three witnesses told Greenwich, Conn., police they saw a plane similar to the trainer crash and sink in Long Island sound.

Allred, married, was studying electrical engineering at Rutgers university, New Brunswick, N. J., as an army air forces contract officer on detached duty from the army's Maxwell field, Ala., Air Force university. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Allred, Redondo Beach, Cal.

A P-47 pilot, Allred served with Merrill's Marauders as a squadron commander in the China-Burma-India theater. He held the legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross with four oak leaf clusters and the air medal.

Utah Major, G. I. Feared Killed in N. Y. Air Crash



Maj. Owen R. Allred . . . Served as pursuit pilot in recent war.

GLEN COVE, N. Y., Aug. 25 (AP)—Army authorities at Mitchell field Monday night were continuing their day and night search for traces of a training plane, carrying a former Utahn and an enlisted passenger, which reportedly crashed Saturday midnight in the waters of Long Island sound off Matincock point, near here.

The AT-6 plane, which had taken off from Mitchell field on a routine training flight, was seen several hours later, according to coast guard reports from witnesses, to plunge into the water and sink.

Aboard the plane, the army said, were Maj. Owen R. Allred, 28, Cedar City, Utah, the pilot, and Cpl. Ralph E. Poppelt, of Mitchell field.

Allred, a P-47 fighter pilot who served with Merrill's Marauders as a squadron commander in the China-Burma-India theater, was studying electrical engineering at Rutgers university, New Brunswick, N. J., as an army air forces contract officer on detached duty from the army's Maxwell field, Ala., air force university.

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CEDAR CITY—Maj. Owen R. Allred, 28, former Cedar City resident believed killed in a plane crash in Long Island sound, graduated from Branch Agricultural college in 1941, when he enlisted in the U. S. army air forces.

He was born July 28, 1919, in Roosevelt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Allred. While attending school in Cedar City from 1939 to 1941 he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Parry.

He received his air force training in Texas and served as a pursuit pilot in the China-Burma-India war theater from April, 1943, to November, 1944. He was awarded the legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross and the air medal.

Maj. Allred was studying engineering at Rutgers university on a special A A F scholarship at the time of the accident.

He married Susan Siguaard in November, 1944, at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Survivors include his widow, New Brunswick, N. J.; his parents, Redondo Beach, Cal.; a sister, Cree Allred, Salt Lake City, and three brothers.

Searchers Seek Utah Pilot After Plane Crash in N. Y.

An Army training plane, piloted by Maj. O. R. Allred of Cedar City, which reportedly crashed into Long Island Sound, off Matincock Point, is still being hunted by Army and Coast Guard boats and planes today, according to an Associated Press report.

The plane, piloted by Major Allred and carrying Cpl. Ralph E. Poppelt, took off from Mitchell Field Saturday night. Eyewitnesses at Long Island said they saw the plane plunge into the water.

Major Allred, 27, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Allred of Redondo Beach, Calif. He was born in Roosevelt, Utah, July 28, 1919. In 1939 he graduated from Parowan High School, and in 1941 from the Branch Agricultural College, Cedar City.

While at BAC, he was chosen as an alternate to West Point,

but chose instead to enter pilot training at Cedar City. During the war he was a P-47 fighter pilot and served for 18 months with Merrill's Marauders as a squadron commander in the China-Burma-India theater. He holds the legion of merit, silver star, distinguished flying cross with four oak leaf clusters and the air medal.

His wife, Sue, is a former nurse from Corpus Christi, Tex. He has ten brothers and sisters, including Miss Cree Allred, 270 East Second South St., a student at LDS Business College.