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First Lieutenant Arthur Waino Isaacson Killed in Action

Arthur Isaacson was born in Republic, Michigan on August 28, 1918 and graduated from the Republic High School in 1936. After enlisting in the Army at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, he graduated from radio school at Scott Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky before transferring to Santa Ana California for pre-flight training. His primary training as a pilot was at Fort Stockton, Texas and he was commissioned May 20, 1943 at Marfa, Texas.

Shortly after commissioning, he was transferred to England where he piloted a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber.

On November 8, 1943 he was killed in action over Harbing, England. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson received the following letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stinson:

“At the request of the President I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been posthumously awarded to your son, First Lieutenant Arthur W. Isaacson, Army Air Corps, who sacrificed his life in the defense of his country. Little can we do or say will console you for the death of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us in this battle for our country is a loss shared by all of us.

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When the medal, which you will shortly receive, reaches you I want you to know that with it goes my sincerest sympathy and hope that time and the victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief."

TJ Mudge, April 2004