

# GALLANT AIRMAN DIES IN BATTLE; WAS TRACK STAR

**P.O. W. McQueen Rests  
in Dutch Grave; Had Fine  
Record as Bomber Pilot**

A Hamilton pilot whose gallantry early last year in saving the lives of the crew of a badly-battered British bomber earned him a recommendation for a D.F.C., has been reported killed in action. He is Pilot Officer William "Mel" McQueen, son of Mrs. Ivy McQueen, of 113 Belview avenue, and



**KILLED OVERSEAS**—Pilot Officer William "Mel" McQueen, whose wife resides at 265 Queen street south, has been reported killed in action with the R.C.A.F. overseas. His mother, Mrs. Ivy McQueen, resides at 113 Belview avenue.

whose wife resides at 265 Queen street south. He had been reported missing last June.

Pilot Officer McQueen was flying a bomber home from a raid over Germany in January, 1944, when he saw another bomber badly damaged, being attacked by an enemy fighter plane. He winged over sharply, his gunners spraying the enemy, put him to flight and then gave chase. The German was

eventually shot down. The pursuing bomber, out of gas, was forced to pancake in the Channel. The crew was picked up three days later.

Pilot Officer McQueen enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in December, 1942. He was awarded his wings at Brantford after training at Toronto and Oshawa, and was posted overseas with the rank of flight sergeant in January, 1943. A graduate of the Hamilton Technical Institute, he starred on the track team there and was later a member of the Hamilton Olympic Club. He was a former employee of the National Steel Car Corporation.

He is buried in Ede, Holland.

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