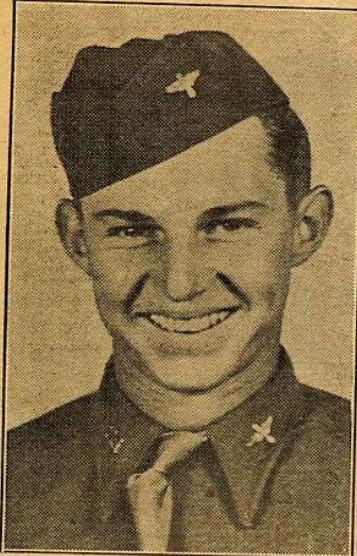


# Two Las Animas Boys Are Reported Missing In Air Action Over Europe



LIEUT. PETER JERMAN  
Pilot On B-24 Liberator

## Community Saddened By News Received Here Tuesday Morning

This community was saddened Tuesday morning to learn that two popular Las Animas boys, Lieut. Peter Jerman and Sgt. Warren Udick, were missing in aerial action over France on July 24 and July 25, respectively.

The messages from the War Department were delivered to Lt. Jerman's wife, the former Miss Gula Stough, who was at the home of her parents, and to Sgt. Udick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Udick. This is the second Udick boy reported missing in action, Raymond being lost on the submarine "Scorpion," in the Pacific in March. The Udicks have two other sons in the service.

Sgt. Udick was a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber and had made numerous bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied Europe from his base in England. Only within the last few weeks, Sgt. Udick was awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat.

In civilian life he was a student at the University of Colorado and entered the Army on Dec. 7, 1942. He received his wings at Harlington (Texas) Air Field in Oct. 1943, after which he was at Casper, Wyo., for a short time and then went overseas in April, 1944.

Mass was held for Sgt. Udick at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church, conducted by a visiting priest in the absence of Father J. A. Laquerre. Sgt. Udick is the youngest of the Udick boys. His brother, Maurice, is with the Army in the South Pacific, and the other brother, 2nd Lt. Leonard W. Udick, recently graduated from San Marcos, Tex., and has been sent to Lemoore, Calif.

Lt. Ernest Peter Jerman, Jr., had been overseas only about 16 days, as first pilot on a Liberator which he and his crew had flown to Italy. He was reported missing somewhere over France. Since going overseas his wife has received several letters, one of which mentioned that he had been on 10 missions, long hard ones.

Peter Jerman enlisted in the Army Air forces on July 28, 1942, and was called to active service on Feb. 4, 1943, first going to the air base at San Antonio, Tex., then to Fort Stockton, Tex., San Angelo, Tex., and lastly to Lubbock, Tex., where he received his commission.



SGT. WARREN UDICK  
Tail Gunner On B-24 Liberator