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Among the cadets graduating from the United States Military Academy Tuesday was William Boyce Brice, son of Mrs. E.D. Brice of 201 East Washington St., Winnsboro. Graduating from Mt. Zion Institute, Brice attended Erskine College for two years and prepared for his entrance examinations to West Point at the Sullivan School, Washington, D.C., before receiving his appointment from Representative J.P. Richards of the Fifth Congressional District. During his first class year at the Academy he attained the high rank of cadet captain. He was also a member of the Board of Governors, was on the first class club, and was mule rider. Following graduation he was commissioned in the infantry.

His mother, Mrs. E.D. Brice, and two sisters, the Misses Pauline and Maurice Brice attended the graduation exercise.

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Winnsboro Boy, West Point Graduate, Makes Supreme Sacrifice In Germany Last Dec. 16.
THE LATE LIEUT. BRICE
A Comrade Said, "It Was An Honor to Serve Under Him."

First Lieutenant William Boyce Brice, 25, son of Mrs. Laura J. Brice of Winnsboro, was killed in action in Germany December 16, 1944, according to a recent communication from the War Department. He had previously been reported as missing. The telegram to Mrs. Brice was as follows:

"It has now been officially established from reports received in the War Department that your son Lieut. William B. Brice who was previously reported missing was killed in action on sixteenth December in Germany.

Lieut. Brice was graduated from Mt. Zion Institute, attended Erskine College two years, studied for his West Point entrance examinations at Sullivan School, Washington, D.C. During his first year at the Academy, he attained the high rank of cadet captain. He was also on the Board of Governors, a member of the first class club, and mule rider. He was graduated from West Point in January, 1934 [sic], and commissioned second lieutenant.

Prior to being sent overseas in October, 1944, Lieut. Brice trained at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned a first Lieut., at Fort Jackson, took part in the Tennessee maneuvers, then went to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was a member of the 106th Division, 422nd Infantry, a unit that suffered high casualties in the Battle of the Bulge.

The Brice family here was aware of his death, before receiving word from the War Department, through a letter from Tech. Sgt. Francis E. O'Shields of Union, who was also a member of the 106th Division, and served under Lieut. Brice.

Besides his mother, Lieut. Brice is survived by three sisters and five brothers: Misses Pauline, Maurice and Zelma Brice; Walter M. Brice, of Winnsboro, E.D. Brice, North Charleston, Tech. Sgt. James C. Brice, Chico, (Cal.) Army Air Base, Cpl. Laurie S. Brice in the Hawaiian Islands, and Tommy Brice, of Winnsboro.

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Cadet Brice In "Life"

Pictured in last week's Life (page 35, bottom, center) was Cadet Boyce Brice, Son of Mrs. E.D. Brice of Winnsboro, who is a rising senior at the United States Military Academy. Cadet Brice was an attendant at one of the 25 West Point weddings that took place on graduation day. Three hundred seventy-four "Pointers" received diplomas, became 2nd lieutenants. This is the second time that a Life photographer has snapped Cadet Brice.

2001.13: Western Union telegram from Acting Adjutant General, Washington, DC, to Mrs. Laura J. Brice, notifying her that her son, First Lieutenant William B. Brice has been reported missing in action, January 12, 1944

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON
FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B BRICE HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE
SIXTEEN DECEMBER IN GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE
RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED=

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