

SPEEDS SOUTH TO WED UNAWARE FIANCE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Jane Thornber, L. H. S. Grad, En Route to
Alabama, Ignorant of Lieut. Raymond's Death

PELHAM, N. H.—A starry-eyed, 18-year-old girl, will step from a train in Alabama this afternoon. What she expects is a groom-to-be waiting at the station. What she will get is news of his death, tragic and sudden.

For yesterday, Lieut. Elmer G. Raymond, Jr., 20, the groom-to-be, was killed in an airplane accident five miles north of Columbia, Ala., and the bride-to-be, Jane Thornber, anticipating her wedding as she rolls through the south, will learn of his death for the first time when she arrives there.

Killed Yesterday

Lieut. Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Raymond of Pelham Center, was killed yesterday morning, news of the accident reaching his parents last night via telegram from Napier Field. Commissioned a lieutenant in the air corps last February, the Pelham boy was stationed at Napier field as an instructor. Details of the accident are not revealed.

His bride-to-be, alone on her trip south, left here Thursday, expecting to arrive in Alabama today. She is the daughter of Mrs. Albert Jones of Pelham, and the grand-daughter of the late James L. Murphy, formerly a lawyer and prominent real estate man in Lowell. Her mother is the former Marjory Murphy.

L. H. S. Graduates

Both Lieut. Raymond and Miss



Lt. E. G. Raymond

Thornber were graduated from Lowell high school. Their engagement was announced a year ago this month when Raymond first enlisted in the air corps. Both are well-known locally.

Slightly more than a week ago, Lieut. Raymond telegraphed his fiancée, asking her to come south this week to get married. They were to have been married shortly after the Easter holiday.