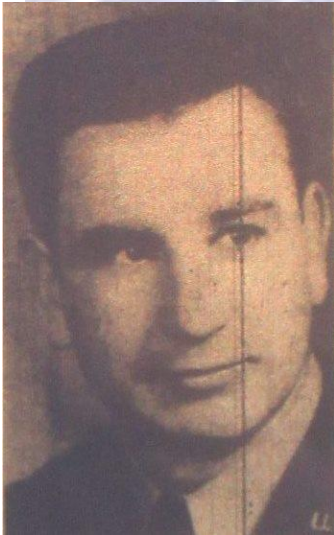


Horace Bertram Anderton, Jr., T-43

24 April 1924 – 2 September 1951

(aged 27)



No one will tell Judy Anderton today that her father died in action September 2 in Korea because today the little polio victim celebrates her seventh birthday with a long-awaited party.

The child's mother, Mrs. Corinne Massey Anderton explained last night that Judy has been "recovering beautifully" from a month's siege of polio. Although her case was "fairly light," relatives feared that the shock of the war would slow her recovery.

Her father, Lieutenant Bert H. Anderton, 27, left for Korea last April 30 and 10 days later was in the front lines with Company L., 17th Infantry (Buffalo) Regiment, Seventh Infantry Division.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Anderton of Memphis. Lieutenant Anderton was the 52nd Shelby Countian reported killed in action in the 15 months of the Korean War.

"I had hoped it was a telegram saying he was coming home" his wife said last night in reporting the death message. "In his last letter he told about being on patrol. He took his platoon behind the lines to see what the enemy was doing. He used to go on these patrols about twice a week." She does not know how he was killed.

That last letter told that although he had been promoted to first lieutenant only last July, he had been promised a captaincy by November. His commanding officer had also recommend him for a Silver Star for bravery.

His family was used to hearing good reports about Lieutenant Anderton. He starred in baseball and football at Tech High and was cited for his passing on the grid squad at Davidson College at Charlotte NC. He was graduated there with honors in 1949 and got an ROTC commission as a second lieutenant.

Between his graduation from Tech in 1943 and entering Davison in 1945, he spent 32 months in the Air Force. He flew several bombing missions as a B-24 engineer in the Pacific and was awarded the Air Medal and two clusters. Before being recalled to active duty last October, Lieutenant Anderton worked as an expediter at Memphis Works of International Harvester Company.

Lieutenant Anderton was born in Florence AL. He also leaves another daughter, Elissa Anderton, 3, his grandfather, T. P. Anderton of Florence, and a sister, Mrs. W. E. Arquitt, and a brother R. L. Anderton, both of Memphis.

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