

Preston Carlyle Cooke, T-42

10 April 1923 – 27 November 1945

(aged 22)



***Ensign Preston C. Cooke Died in Airplane Crash
Fatality is 43rd Among Murrayans in World War***

The War Department has notified Mrs. Mary L. Cooke, that her son, Ensign Preston Carlyle "Buster" Cooke, was killed in a Navy plane crash Tuesday night, November 28, at Boca-China FL. Ensign Cooke's death brings the total of known Murray war dead to 48.

Ensign Cooke, as a volunteer for night flying, had been assigned to a squadron, but whether he met death in this assignment is not known. He enlisted in the Navy in April 1943. He won his wings and was commissioned following training at Pensacola in December 1944.

Ensign Cooke is a graduate of Tech High School, Memphis TN. Where he played tackle on the football team. He attended Murray State College in 1942 and 1943.

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