

William Earl Luton, T-40

16 December 1922 – 21 May 1944

(aged 21)



Second Lieutenant William Earl Luton, P-47 Thunderbolt pilot and former honor student at Tech High, was killed in a plane crash in New Guinea May 21, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Luton, 561 Lundee were notified yesterday.

As a high school junior, the lieutenant was president of the Junior Honor Society and as a senior he was president of the Tech High Chapter of the National High School Honor Society. He took an Army Air Forces academic course at Memphis State College before entering upon flight training. He arrived overseas last December.

Active in church affairs, he was vice president of the Methodist Young People's Association and a member of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church. He was 21.

In addition to his parents, he leaves two brothers, Staff Sergeant Allen Luton, based in Iran, and Pfc. Edgar F. Luton, of Memphis.

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