

Harry Lawrence Massey, T-40

21 September 1921 – 13 September 1942

(aged 20)



MEMPHIAN IS KILLED AS BOMBER CRASHES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Staff Sergeant Harry Massey of Memphis was one of two men killed yesterday afternoon when a dive bomber they were flying crashed into the Beaufort River near Parris Island SC.

Savannah Army Air Base authorities said that Sergeant Massey, 21, a gunner, and Second Lieutenant Richard Burton of Johnston NY, were practicing drives and formation flying when their plane fell.

Sergeant Massey's mother, Mrs. O. T. Massey, Jr., lives on Tutwiler Street. Her husband, Major Massey, is on duty at Tampa FL Air Base.

Sergeant Massey was born at Black Rock AR and lived in Memphis about five years. He was graduated from Tech High School in the Spring of 1940 and entered the Army in February 1941.

In addition to his family, he leaves a brother, Thomas Massey of Memphis, and two sisters, Miss Patsy Massey, a student at Arkansas State College and Miss Mardelle Massey, a student at Tech High School.

Major Massey before being called for service was in the Railway Mail Service here.

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