

Charles Dickens Montgomery, T-33

8 December 1912 – 14 June 1943

(aged 30)



MEMPHIAN KILLED IN PACIFIC AIR CRASH

Charles D. Montgomery, Memphian, private in the Air Forces, was killed in an airplane accident June 14, his family has been notified by the War Department.

Private Montgomery is the brother of Lt John Montgomery of the Banana River Naval Station FL, a former member of The Press-Scimitar and The Commercial Appeal editorial staffs. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. H. B. Waldron, of Memphis and Pine Bluff, and two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Dinstahl and Miss Alice Montgomery of Pine Bluff.

He enlisted in January 1942, and had been overseas for more than a year. He attended Tech in Memphis and worked at American Finishing Company before entering service.

Information from The Press-Scimitar, Saturday, July 24, 1943.

DETAILS:

On June 14 1943, a VH-CBA B-17C aircraft of the United States Army Air Force crashed shortly after take-off.

On board were five crew and thirty-eight passengers who were returning to New Guinea after completing "R & R" in Mackay. There was only one survivor.

The aircraft was operated by the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron, of the 317th Troop Carrier Group which formed part of the 5th Air Force.

The crash of the B-17C was the worst accident involving a transport aircraft in the south west pacific during World War II.

