

Marvin Hines Mussett, T-42

9 June 1924 – 11 January 1944

(aged 19)



Three MidSouth men are missing in action and two others have been reported killed in action.

Lieutenant Marvin Mussett, son of Mrs. A. W. O'Byrnes who formerly lived at 1031 North Avalon and taught at Hollywood School, has been missing in action in Europe since January 11, relatives have been informed.

A bomber navigator stationed in England, Lieutenant Mussett is 19 and had been overseas three months. He entered service in January 1943, following graduation from Tech High, where he was an honor student and active in R.O.T.C. He received his wings at Selma Field AL.

Mrs. O. Byrnes, whose husband is in service, is now with him at Sandston VA. Lieutenant Mussett's brother, Charles, is a student at Central High. His Aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, lives at 3179 Cowden. Lieutenant Mussett was born in Memphis.

Information from The Commercial Appeal, Friday January 28, 1944.

On January 11, 1944 he was on the crew of the B-17F #42-29894 "Baltimore Bounce" during a mission to bomb the Focke-Wulf aviation plant at Oschersleben, Germany. They were attacked by fighters on the return trip. One wing came off, they rolled over and exploded. They crashed near Lippen, Germany. There were no survivors.



Photo of B-17 #42-29894 "Baltimore Bounce"