

James M. "Jimmy" Paschal, T-37

30 November 1917 – 19 October 1943
(aged 25)



A Memphis flier who has been in the thick of the successful fight to lessen the U-boat menace and make possible the invasion of Hitler's Europe is missing in action.

He is soft-spoken, genial, First Lieutenant James M. "Jimmy" Paschal, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Paschal of 252 North Bellevue. His father is principal of Mallory Heights School and long identified with the Board of Education as supervisor of Industrial arts.

A fighter pilot and later of a bomber engaged in the offensive on U-boats, Lieutenant Paschal is "missing at sea from an operational flight on October 19," his parents have been advised.

He had a high position of esteem in the opinion of all his fellow officers for his ability as a pilot and an officer," his commanding officer wrote Mr. and Mrs. Paschal.

Lieutenant Paschal had earned the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster. The medal was for anti-submarine and convoy duty from August 1942

until May 1943, over “dangerous waters of the Atlantic” where U-boats menaced shipping.

Mr. and Mrs. cling to the hope that their son may still be alive.

Born in Tullahoma TN, Lieutenant came with his parents and attended Bellevue Junior School and was graduated from Tech High School in 1937. At Tech he earned three letters at football. As a junior at the University of Tennessee in May 1941, he volunteered for the Army Air Force and trained at Randolph and Kelly Fields in Texas and later at Orlando FL. He went to the African theater in July 1942.

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