

James Alvin “Jack” Goforth, T-39

8 July 1921 – 8 December 1943

(aged 22)



Lieutenant James A. “Jack” Goforth, son of Mrs. Ruby Goforth, 202 Market Mall, and husband of Mrs.

Nell Miller Goforth, was killed December 30, 1943 when the plane in which he was a bombardier crashed into Atlas Mountain in North Africa.

Lieutenant Goforth was born in Chattanooga and had lived in Memphis since he was nine. He attended Tech High School (and graduated from Humes). He was a member of the football and wrestling teams at Tech and helped edit the school papers at both schools.

James A. Goforth graduated from the West Texas Bombardier Quadrangle as a bombardier.

He served in the National Guard unit here and helped organize the Home Guard.

He entered the Army as a private in October 1942 and was appointed a cadet in December 1942. He received his wings at Midland TX and went overseas a few weeks ago. He was a communicate of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He leaves his wife, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Goforth; his mother, and his father, E. L. Goforth of Cleveland TN.

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