

Kereb, T. Philip

Northampton Sergeant Now Listed As Dead

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Sgt. T. Philip Kereb, 22, of the Army Air Forces, son of Mrs. Anna Kereb, 1670 Railroad Street, Northampton, reported missing in action March 13, 1943, is now listed as dead, according to a message from the War Department.

The record shows that he was a crew member aboard an airplane which was damaged by enemy aircraft during a bombing mission over Rangoon, Burma, and crash landed in the Gulf of Martaba.

He enlisted in the Air Forces, March 12, 1941 and participated in 27 bombing missions. He did not return from his 28th mission.

He had received the Distinguished Flying Cross. During the period August 1, 1942, to December 29, 1942, as a crew member of heavy bombardment aircraft, he participated in combat missions totaling more than 200 hours. The award was by command of Lieutenant General Stilwell.

Sergeant Kereb also received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in combat missions totaling more than 100 hours in India and the Middle East.

He was a member of the Blessed Virgin Ukrainian Orthodox church, Northampton, Rev. Michael Mustensky, rector.

Survivors are his mother; two brothers, Corporal Alexander Kereb, U. S. Marines and Private First Class Charles Kereb, also of the Marine Corps, somewhere overseas; two sisters, Mary and Anna Kereb.

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