

SGT. JACK TRICKER IS KILLED IN CRASH

Native of Decatur is Killed Saturday

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon for staff sergeant Jack Tricker, 23, a native of this city, who was killed Saturday night in an army bomber crash near Rapids City, South Dakota, according to word received here Sunday night.

Sgt. Tricker, brother of Miss Betty Tricker, Central Sugar company employe, was an aerial gunner in a bomber crew. No details of the crash were learned.

He was born in this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Tricker, now living in Sturgis, Mich., and was graduated from the Decatur high school.

Shortly after he was graduated his parents moved to Sturgis, and he enlisted in the army air force there in September. He had written to his parents to inform them that he would have a furlough, starting today and that he would arrive home soon after that time.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Tricker of Sturgis; the grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Grimm of this city; the sister, Betty of Decatur; another sister, Sharon, at home, and two brothers, Richard and Kenneth, both of Fort Wayne.

The body will arrive in Sturgis Wednesday night and services will be held there at 1 p.m. Thursday. The body will then be brought to Decatur and will arrive here sometime after 3 o'clock. Full military rites will be held at the burial site in the Decatur cemetery. The casket has been sealed at the camp site and will not be opened.

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