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23 MEN MISSING ON
THREE AAF PLANES

Twenty-three men are aboard three Army Air Forces planes which are overdue several days on flights at widely-separated points, all overseas, AAF headquarters disclosed today.

Next-of-kin of all 23 have been notified that the men are missing.

A Curtiss-Wright C-46 Commando took off from Nichols Field at Manila, Philippine Islands, on October 24, on a flight to Peleliu Island in the Pacific and has not been reported.

The following seven men were aboard (with next-of-kin in parentheses):

First Lieutenant Hershal Allen Lamb (Wife, Mrs. Hershal A. Lamb, 1402 Seventh Avenue, East, Twin Falls, Idaho.)

First Lieutenant Francis Xavier Mannion, Jr. (Father, Francis X. Mannion, Sr., 800 South Locke, Kokomo, Indiana.)

First Lieutenant Thomas R. McClellan (Mother, Mrs. Jessie McClellan, 417 East Main St., Palmyra, New York.)

Second Lieutenant Robert J. Donahue (Mother, Mrs. Ella J. Donahue, 173 High Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts; Wife, Mrs. Wanda J. Donahue, 261 Merrimac, Newburyport, Massachusetts.)

Second Lieutenant Joseph L. Smith, a 1945 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point (Father, J. B. Smith, 203 Center Street, Mankato, Minnesota.)

Technical Sergeant Buster Andrews (Mother, Mrs. Cindia Andrews, 1335 Barry Street, Dallas, Texas.)

Staff Sergeant William A. Newbury (Mother, Mrs. Bertha M. Newbury, 1987 Cottage Grove, Cleveland, Ohio.)

MORE

A Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress is unreported after taking off November 1 from Capodichino Air Field, Naples, Italy, for Bovington, England.

This crew of eight men was aboard:

Colonel Ford L. Fair (Wife, Mrs. Rosabella Fair, of Wiesbaden, Germany.)

Colonel Hudson H. Upham (Mother, Mrs. Mary H. Upham, 4736 Oakwood Avenue, Los Angeles, California.)

Major Lawrence L. Cobb, Jr. (Wife, Mrs. Nan C. Cobb, of Wiesbaden, Germany; Father, Colonel Lawrence L. Cobb, Sr., of Wiesbaden, Germany.)

Second Lieutenant Alfred D. Ramirez (Wife, Mrs. Ruthe E. Ramirez, 720 West 180th Street, New York, New York.)

Master Sergeant John Earl Gilbert (Mother, Mrs. Goldie Gilbert, 46 North Gentry Street, Frankfort, Indiana.)

Staff Sergeant William J. Hilton (Wife, Mrs. Doris Hilton, of Frankfurt, Germany.)

Staff Sergeant Zoltan J. Dobovich (Mother, Mrs. Rose Dobovich, Box 41, Butztown, Pennsylvania.)

Technical Sergeant William S. Cassell (Mother, Mrs. Estelle I. Cassell, RFD No. 2, Mount Airy, North Carolina.)

A Douglas C-47 Skytrain which took off from Vernan Field, Jamaica, November 2, for San Juan, Puerto Rico, is still missing.

The five crew members were:

Second Lieutenant Joseph W. Logsdon (Sister, Miss Miriam S. Logsdon, 1634 Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, Kentucky.)

Second Lieutenant John M. Woods (Mother, Mrs. Ruth Woods, 2077 Dartmoor Homes, Brunswick, Georgia.)

Technical Sergeant Wilbur O. Whitlock (Wife, Mrs. Rebecca A. Whitlock, Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico.)

Private First Class John R. Lafferty (Mother, Mrs. Catherine Lafferty, 228 West Locust, Charlestown, Illinois.)

Private First Class Will Glendenning (Wife, Mrs. Bernice E. Glendenning, 117 Courtland Street, Wellington, Ohio.)

These three passengers were also aboard:

First Lieutenant Louis D. Ulrich (Wife, Mrs. Margaret A. Ulrich, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.)

Corporal Jack Newcomb (Mother, Mrs. Annia W. Newcomb, 2016 East Courtland Street, Spokane, Washington.)

Vernon Cross, civilian engineer (Wife, Mrs. Vernon Cross, San Juan, Puerto Rico.)

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