

Bush, James A.

Wind Gap Radio Operator Presumed Dead

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Missing in action in the southwest Pacific since August 17, 1943, T/Sgt. James A. Bush, son of Mrs. Carrie E. Bush and the late Adam Bush, of Wind Gap, is now presumed to be dead, the War Department informed his mother.

A radio operator on a B-24 Liberator, Sgt. Bush was reported missing on a mission over a Jap air base in New Guinea, according to information given Mrs. Bush by the War Department. His squadron bombed about 170 Jap planes lined up at the base to take off. On the way back the pilot of Sgt. Bush's plane radioed the wing commander that the plane had been hit, but that the crew was intact. The pilot radioed that he did not think he could bring the plane back to the base and was ordered to follow over land, but not water. That was the last heard from the crew of that plane.

Sgt. Bush enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 13, 1942, and was graduated from Scott Field, Ill., as a radio operator. On January 16, 1943, he was graduated from gunnery school at Harlington, Texas, and was promoted to staff sergeant. Three months later he was promoted to technical sergeant and placed in a crew of 10 on a B-24 Liberator as first radio operator.

In addition to his mother, Sgt. Bush is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Edwin Haldeman, of Bangor; Mrs. Florence Frantz, of Wind Gap, and Mrs. Benjamin Schortz, of Easton R. D. 3, and two brothers, Donald A. Bush, of Mt. Bethel, and Elwood C. Bush, of Bangor, who was recently discharged from the Army.

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