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"Missing"



SGT. ROLAND D. GANGWER

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Sgt. Gangwer, Aerial Gunner, Is "Missing"

Sgt. Roland D. Gangwer, Bethlehem, who in recent weeks was awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters for meritorious service, today was reported "missing in action," by the War Department.

Sgt. Gangwer, a son of R. M. Gangwer, 51 East Union Street, was described by the War Department as a ball turret gunner on a Flying Fortress when the Air Medal was presented late in September. News of the presentation reached here October 1.

In the telegram to soldier's father, the War Department said Sgt. Gangwer has been missing since October 10 in the European theater of operations.

In his most recent letter, dated October 1, Sgt. Gangwer wrote his father that he expected to be home for Thanksgiving Day. So confident was he that such would be the case that he asked his father to obtain two tickets to the Bethlehem-Allentown high school football game.

Sgt. Gangwer entered the service in June, 1942 and received his basic training at Keesler Field and graduated from gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Air Medal was presented after he had completed five bombing missions over enemy territory.

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