

# Mother Learns Justin Hower Officially Dead

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Mrs. Lillian V. Hower, Danielsville, Pa., mother of three enlisted sons who served in the armed forces during the war, was informed by the War Department Monday that one of her sons, First Lieut. Justin J. Hower, who has been listed as "missing in action" since February 28, 1942, is now presumed dead as of December 18, 1945.

Lt. Hower began his military training St. Patrick's Day at Darr Area Tech, Albany, Ga., going from there to Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala. He completed his advance training at Craig Field, Selma, Ala., and won his wings and commission October 31, 1941. After serving at



1ST. LT. JUSTIN J. HOWER

Mitchel Field, he was sent to the Pacific area, leaving San Francisco December 26, 1941.

The young officer was graduated from Slatington High School and attended Muhlenberg College for two years. He then transferred to Penn State, from where he graduated as a forester in February, 1940.

Surviving are a son, Dale S. Hower, Steinsburg; his mother; a sister, Edith, wife of John Sikorsky, at home; three brothers, John F. Hower, Cleveland, O.; Meade Hower, S 1/c, and Lt. (j.g.) Allen Hower, who served on Leyte, Lingayen and Okinawa as executive officer of an LCI. Lt. Hower took part in the Leyte, Lingayen and Okinawa major campaigns, as well as five minor campaigns in the Ryukus Islands.

Lt. Allen Hower holds the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with three battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with two battle stars, American theater ribbon and Victory Medal. Before enlisting in April, 1943, he was associated with McNeil Laboratories in Philadelphia. He left the States for the Pacific in June, 1943.

The third brother, Meade M. Hower, Seaman 1/c, enlisted in March, 1943, while a senior in Northampton High School. He was called to active duty November 1, 1943, and at present is stationed on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Engaged in radio and electrical installation work, he left for overseas duty October 12, 1943.

Hower, Justin J.  
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