

Ray, Joseph J.



2ND LIEUT. JOSEPH J. RAY

**Reported Missing**

Second Lieutenant Joseph J. Ray, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray, 614 Pierce Street, has been reported missing by the adjutant general's office of the U. S. War Department. A laconic telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Ray, received yesterday, informed them that their son had not been heard from since January 14.

Lieutenant Ray was a member of the Army Air Force and a graduate last September 5 of the bombardier school at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz. He received his basic training at Santa Ana, Calif. He was last heard from by his family from Florida.

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By coincidence, the date given by the Army as that on which he is reported missing is the same as that of the fatal flight in the South American area in which Major Eric Knight, Pleasant Valley resident and author of prominence, was killed along with 34 other persons.

Lieut. Ray graduated in 1938 at Industrial High, studied electrical engineering with the Penn State Extension School at Allentown in '39 and attended the American Television Laboratories in Chicago in '41. He enlisted in the Air Force in

March of 1942 and has been in the service but nine months.

He has two brothers, Staff Sgt. Julius F. Ray, 22, radio man on a bomber, last reported to be in Trinidad, B. W. I., and Jaul J., 24, student in electrical engineering at Lehigh University.

Lieut. Ray was well known in this city, having been employed as a radio expert by Hauser Chevrolet, Phillips Music stores and by other firms.

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