

Mackey, John J.

LIEUT. JOHN MACKEY MISSING IN ACTION

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Hint to "Read Headlines" Leads to Belief Plane Was Lost in Dunkirk Raid.

Following their son's hint to "read the headlines" as to his whereabouts with the U. S. Air Corps in England, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mackey, 633 Seventh Avenue, today believe that Lieut. John L. Mackey's plane was forced down in the raid over Dunkirk February 15. They received notice from the War Department Monday that he has been missing in action since February 15.



LIEUT. JOHN MACKEY

The War Department message merely said that Lieut. Mackey was missing in action since February 15 in the Western European theater. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey checked the headlines for that day which carried news of the big U. S. mission against Dunkirk.

Lieut. Mackey, in a letter dated somewhere in England, January 29,

told his folks that he was getting pretty tired, and as to details of what he was doing he added, "I guess you read the headlines."

Only a short while before he had been promoted from second to first lieutenant. His sister, Mrs. Thomas Willever, Phillipsburg, N. J., received a letter from him dated February 3.

Lieut. Mackey is a graduate of Liberty High School and Moravian College in 1940. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, July, 1941, and was graduated as a navigator from Kelly Field, Texas, one year later, July 25, 1942, and commissioned a second lieutenant. He was transferred to England the latter part of September or fore part of October, 1942.

At Moravian, he was president of Omicron Gamma Omega social fraternity, the varsity basketball team, the Glee Club. He belongs to Pro-Cathedral Church of the Nativity and sang in its choir. He is a brother of the Rev. Sheldon Mackey, pastor of the Orwigsburg Evangelical and Reformed Church.

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