Lt. White Officially Missing; Another From Area in Blast⁹ ¹⁹⁴⁴

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White, Robert

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Lieutenant (j.g.) Robert White, USNR, who in yesterday's Globe-Times was reported missing in the disastrous west coast explosion at Port Chicago, California, is now officially declared missing, according to a telegram recived from the War Department by his father, Dr. Raymond H. White, of Glenside, formerly of Bethlehem.

Dr. White, who is now superintendent of the public schools in Ambler, left last night by airplane for the West Coast scene of tragedy. While resciding in Bethlehem, Dr. White, was associated with the Department of Education at Lehigh University.

The official notice stated that Lt. White was on board one of the two vessels that exploded. Accompanied by his wife, the former Inez Ivey, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Floyd Ivey, 315 East Garrison Street, this city, he had just returned from a vacation. He went on duty just four hours before the blast occurred.

Both Lieut. and Mrs. White are members of the Wesley Methodist Church, this city, of which the Rev. Alonzo Fite is pastor. Rev. Fite, stated that he sent a telegram to Mrs. White shortly after he was notified of the accident.