

CAPT. JOHN KIBLER KILLED IN ACTION

Former Newton Boy and Nephew of Mayor Davis

Mayor John D. Davis received word Tuesday afternoon that his nephew, Capt. John D. Kibler, of Arcola, had been killed in action over Austria.

The information came to him from the home of his sister, Mrs. John P. Kibler mother of the missing pilot, who was notified at her home in Arcola through the American Red Cross.

Capt. Kibler, pilot of a B-24 bomber, was first reported missing in action over Austria since July 28. Since then his family and friends had entertained some hope that he might have been forced down behind German lines and might be held as a prisoner of war.

He had been overseas only a few months and according to the last letter received by his uncle he had completed half of the required number of missions over occupied Europe to entitle him to a furlough home.

He had had some thrilling experiences before the fateful day that his plane failed to return. His ship had been shot up four different times by German anti-aircraft gunners, but he had always managed to bring it safely back to its base.

Capt. Kibler was born in Newton but left here while quite young. His father, John P. Kibler drove the Schneider bread truck from Arcola to Newton until a year or so ago when he sold his route.

Capt. Kibler travelled for a year with Mayor Davis when his uncle was sales representative for a large packing firm in the far east. He has visited in Newton many times and is well known here.

He is survived by his wife and a small son, his parents and a number of near relatives and friends.