

*Brother of County
Nurse Is Reported
Missing in Africa*

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Miss Madeline Groesch, county nurse, was called to Springfield, Saturday night, by word that her brother, Edgar Groesch, had been reported missing in the North African theatre of operations. Nothing much is known about what happened, but it is surmised that he was on an Army transport plane which was forced down, or was on a convoy in the Gibraltar area.

Young Groesch, who was in the Army Air Forces, and a friend from Springfield were in the same squadron and were both reported missing. By a coincidence, the friend's family had received the word first, and Miss Groesch was called by her mother early Saturday evening and given this word. Several hours later she again called and stated that she had had word from the War Department that Edgar was also missing.

He had written April 4 that he expected to be sent overseas in a few days, but whether he went by convoy or air transport is unknown.