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# Geo. N. Larson, Reported Missing, Now Confirmed Dead

Lieutenant George N. Larson was navigator on a B-24 Aircraft (Liberator) which was lost on October 4, 1943, on a mission over the North Sea, about 60 miles north of the coast of Holland. Members of the crews of other bombers reported that Lieutenant Larson's plane was very badly damaged when an enemy fighter plane flew into it.



In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death.

Lieutenant Larson went overseas August 28, 1943, and was based in England.

George Norman Larson, son of Ed. Larson and Carrie Larson, was born February 2, 1920, on a farm in Poweshiek county, north of Grinnell. He attended the Poweshiek county rural schools through the eighth grade and graduated from Grinnell high school with the class of 1937. He attended college at Ames and later at Grinnell College.

## Lieutenant George N. Larson

He was united in marriage August 20, 1939, to Wilma Postma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Postma of Deep River. They have one daughter, Hedy. They were living in Grinnell and before entering the service he was employed by the DeKalb Agriculture Association.

He enlisted in the Air Corps in April of 1942. He took his basic training at Santa Ana and Santa Maria, Calif. He attended gunnery school at Las Vegas and completed his advance training at Sacramento, where he graduated as a navigator May 28, 1943, and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

He is survived by his wife and small daughter, Hedy, of Deep River, his father and mother of Grinnell, two brothers, Elmer of Newton, and Ludwig, who is in service and stationed in the South Pacific; and six sisters, Gladys, at home, Mrs. Bernard (Edna) Felper of Oklahoma, Mrs. Leonard (Agnes) Snodgrass of Ohio, Mrs. Garland (Olga) Carpenter of Illinois, Mrs. Laird (Amelia) Kalsand of Tama, and Mrs. Leo (Mable) Evans of Illinois.