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Captain John D. Kibler, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kibler of Arcola and a grand-son and nephew of Mrs. George W. Davis and son, Mayor John D. Davis of Newton, is missing in action, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his wife. He was piloting a B-24 bomber over Austria on July 8 and failed to return from that mission.

He had completed over half of the missions required for a leave in America and was looking forward to returning here.

He was well known at Newton, where he often accompanied his father when the latter was a bread salesman. Many will also remember his accounts of his experiences in Europe and Asia when he was traveling with Mayor Davis in 1932.

In letters to members of his family, written recently, he had told of some experiences while flying on raids over German occupied territory. The hydraulic system of his plane was knocked out twice, he lost another plane, once his crew had to attach parachutes to help land their Liberator bomber.