

Mother Starts Own Search For War Flier

A broken-hearted Washington mother, unwilling to give her soldier son up as dead, has embarked on a determined search to



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learn what became of him after his plane vanished in a cloud over Europe on March 16, 1945.

The mother, Mrs. C. Davis, took a leave of absence from government service here last month to start a

campaign to find out what became of her 25-year-old son, Sergt. Frank A. Davis, jr., youngest of her two sons.

Mrs. Davis, now residing in Maryland, has printed 1000 circulars in both English and German offering \$1000 reward for information about the plane "Bottoms Up" and its crew.

Most of these circulars already have been sent to former European concentration camps, and to the postmasters, police chiefs and Protestant ministers of the largest towns near where the plane was last seen, Mrs. Davis said yesterday.

Left in Liberator

According to the circular, a B-24 Liberator bomber left Southern Italy in March 1945 bound for Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. It was last seen going over the Adriatic Sea about 45 miles northeast of Vieste, Italy, when it disappeared in a cloud.

Crew members of other planes in the squadron said the plane was "under good control" and that no parachutes or parts of the aircraft were seen to fall, Mrs. Davis reported.

Mrs. Davis said her son had joined the National Guard while in high school and had later transferred to the Air Corps, being assigned to the Fifteenth Air Force.

War Department officials said Sergeant Davis had been reported missing in March 1945. His records indicated he had been in the National Guard before being transferred to the Air Corps.

She is using money paid by the War Department for her son's pay and part of his bank funds to finance her campaign. Thus far, the main cost has been postage, she said.

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