



2nd Lt. Corlys A. Bedford

Mrs. Betty M. Bedford, Depot Road, Strongsville, received word from the War Department, Sunday, January 16th, that her husband, 2nd Lt. "Bob" Bedford was reported as missing in action over France, January 6th, 1944.

Around the first of January we received the following communication concerning Lt. Bedford:

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England: The arrival overseas of 2nd Lt. Corlys A. Bedford of Strongsville, Ohio, has been announced by the commanding general of the Eighth Fighter Command. Lt. Bedford is a pilot in an Eighth AAF Thunderbolt squadron.

His wife, Mrs. Betty M. Bedford, lives at 243 Depot Road, Strongsville.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Bedford, live on Howe Road, Strongsville.

Lt. Bedford graduated from the Strongsville High School in 1938, where he played football and basketball. He attended Ohio State University for two years. Before entering the army, Lt. Bedford was employed by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in Cleveland as a frame man. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

Enlisting as an aviation cadet on March 29, 1942, Lt. Bedford was called to active duty on June 10, 1942. He took his advanced flying at Aloe Field, Victoria, Tex., and received his wings and commission on February 16, 1943.

The 23-year-old flyer has not decided on a name for his plane.