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Lieutenant Robert A. Coover Declared Dead by War Department

Second Lt. Robert A. Coover, pilot on a B-17 bomber, reported missing in action Feb. 3, 1945, was declared dead Thursday, Jan. 24, in a war department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Coover 2309 Ave. B.

Lieutenant Coover was one of nine men lost when their plane received a direct hit while on its bomb run over the target in Berlin.

He was a graduate of the Kearney high school and had attended Kearney State Teachers college two years. Before entering service he was assistant manager of the World theatre. He enlisted as a cadet Sept. 19, 1942 and was called to active service Mar. 27, 1943, receiving his pilot's wings June 27, 1944 at Douglas AAF, Douglas, Ariz.

His parents, one brother, Donald E., and one sister, Ann Alita, and several aunts, uncles and cousins survive.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.