

## LT. GAYLE KIZER DECLARED DEAD

**War Department Notifies Parents  
Friday; Had Been Listed as  
Missing Since October 22.**



LIEUT. GAYLE W. KIZER.

Postmaster and Mrs. M. G. Kizer received word Friday that their son, First Lieut. Gayle W. Kizer, had been declared dead by the war department after being missing since October 22, 1944.

Lieut. Kizer was a pilot on a B-24 Liberator of the 13th air corps. According to information sent his parents by the war department, he left Noemfoor island on a 1-plane combat mission to Kernaseren Airdrome in northern Borneo. The plane was last contacted by radio over Makassar strait. No additional information has been received concerning the

whereabouts of the missing crew members or plane.

Lieut. Kizer was born at Driftwood, Alfalfa county, December 15, 1921, and came to Apache with his parents when he was 2 years old. He was a graduate of Apache high school and of Cameron college at Lawton. He enlisted in the air corps July 3, 1942 and was called into training January 18, 1943. He received his commission December 6, 1943, and took his pilot training at Fort Worth, Tex., and March Field, Cal. Leaving the United States June 6, 1944, he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Admiralty and Noemfoor islands. He was awarded the purple heart and the air medal.

On his second mission Lieut. Kizer was forced to land in the sea and was on a raft alone 44 hours before being rescued. Six members of his crew were lost.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church.

Memorial services will be held at the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The family requests that no flowers be sent.