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eel's biggest 22, 1944, First Lt. Ralph N. Gjertsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gjertsen, 950-Baker-street, has been given up for dead by the war department according to word receiv-

> He was born August 15, 1917, in Chicago and came to Wisconsin Rapids with his parents in 1932. A

graduate of Lincoln High school, he was employed by the Consolidated Water Power and Paper company until his entry into service in 1942.

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Gjertsen enlisted in April of 1942 and was called into service that July. Following training at various air bases in the States, he went overseas in October, 1943, to Africa. He was based at Foggia, Italy, at the time he was declared missing. He wore the Air Medal with a Silver cluster, the Purple Heart and the African-Middle Eastern Theater ribban. ribbon. In addition to his parents, the lieutenant is survived by three sis-ters, Mrs. Leo Nelson, Mrs. Ross lieutenant is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Leo Nelson, Mrs. Ross Eswein and Mrs. Robert Totzke, all of this city; and three brothers, George, John, Jr., and Robert. John served as a staff sergeant in the army and was honorably discharged recently while Robert is a corporal in the army now and is stationed in Nebrasia. tioned in Nebraska.

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