

## Sgt. Floyd Cota Missing a Year, Proclaimed Dead

**War Dept. Has Sent  
Wire to His Wife,  
Mrs. Leona R. Cota**

Mrs. Leona Riley Cota, 229 Elmwood ave., has received word from the war department that her husband, Sgt. Floyd James Cota, AAC was officially proclaimed dead Jan. 18. He has been missing in the Pacific since Feb. 11, 1944.

The war department stated that its information indicates Sgt Cota who was a gunner on a B-25, took part in a bombing mission to Taroa island. His plane was seen to go down at a location about one mile south of that island. No report concerning him or members of his crew has been received since.

Sgt. Cota entered the service Jan. 30, 1942, and went overseas in Oct. 1943. He was wounded over enemy territory in Jan., 1944, and received the purple heart award.

Besides his widow, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cota, Lime Kiln rd., South Burlington; three sisters, Mrs. George Myers of White st., South Burlington, Miss Hilda Cota, South Burlington, and Mrs. Fay Bruce, Williston; three brothers, Leonard, Archie and Armand Cota, all of South Burlington.

A memorial mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Tuesday morning, Feb. 5 at 8.

## Floyd Cota 29 Jan 1946

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