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Navy reports Morris Fricke missing
His plane fails to return from a patrol flight
He and brother, Kenneth, enlisted in Navy Dec., 1940
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Word was received here Wednesday from the U.S. Navy Department in Washington, D.C., that Morris Edward Fricke, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Fricke, who farm northeast of State Center, has been missing since June 8.

The telegram notifying Mr. and Mrs. Fricke of his disappearance from Rear Admiralal Randall Jacobs, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, follows: "The United States Navy regrets to inform you that your son, Morris Edward Fricke, aviation machinist mate 3rd class, U.S.N., is missing since June 8th. The plane on which he is a crew member, failed to return from a patrol flight. Further details will be communicated to you by his commanding officer. Sincerest sympathy is extended you in your great sorrow."

Morris, who is 19, and an older brother, Kenneth, 23, enlisted at Des Moines December 6, 1940. Kenneth, who is also in the U.S. Navy, is stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. He is expected home on a furlough this week. Morris is a graduate of the Clemons high school with the class of 1940.