

# 7 Dead, L-17 p1 More Are Hunted

## Worst Military Mishap in State Since Shenandoah

NEWARK, O., Sept. 8.—  
(AP)—An army bomber with  
a broken wing crashed into a  
downtown apartment building  
today, killing all of the  
plane's six occupants and a  
woman in Ohio's worst mili-  
tary aviation accident since  
the navy dirigible Shenan-  
doah was destroyed in 1925.

As investigators delved into the  
debris tonight, there were indica-  
tions the death toll might mount to  
nine or 10. The plane's cabin was  
buried in the burned wreckage of  
the building, while other parts of  
the ship were scattered over several  
blocks.

Wright Field officers at Dayton  
identified the crew dead as:

The pilot, Col. Douglas M. Kil-  
patrick, 33, of Houma, La., at-  
tached to the armament branch  
of the army experimental engi-  
neering section; the co-pilot, Lt.  
Lawrence S. Lawver, 29, of Free-  
port, Ill., attached to the opera-  
tions force; Lt. Russell E. New-  
lin, 30, of Indianapolis, attached  
to the Wright Field armament  
branch; O. A. Pecon of Dayton,  
civilian crew chief at Wright;  
Private Charles Watson of Day-  
ton, attached to Lunken Airport,  
Cincinnati, who was on leave and  
taking a trip east, and Cpl. R. A.  
Arens, 21, of Dayton, a coast  
artilleryman also on leave.

The woman was identified as  
Mrs. Dollie Campbell, 22½ Wy-  
oming St. Her body was found  
wedged against a small apartment  
house, which the ship hit full force  
after bouncing off an adjacent

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home. She was returning home  
from shopping. (L-17 p2)

Officers said they could recall no  
Ohio accident involving service  
ships which took such a toll of  
military and civilian lives since the  
Shenandoah crashed near Ava, 17  
years ago, killing 13.

Wright Field officials at Dayton  
said the plane was one which left  
that port this morning with a crew  
of six. Bodies of three crew mem-  
bers were found immediately. Fire  
Chief Stanley Shaw said he thought  
bodies of two civilians were in the  
debris.

Two of the crewmen plunged to  
death trying to escape by parachute  
from the crippled plane, which wit-  
nesses said lost a portion of one  
wing several blocks from the scene  
of the crash.

### TWO TAKE TO 'CHUTES

Lt. Lawver's body, carrying a  
partially opened 'chute, fell on the  
loading platform of the Baltimore  
& Ohio depot, six blocks from the  
crash scene, while another, also  
with a partially opened parachute,  
struck the roof of the home of Dr.  
Louis Mitchell, two blocks distant,  
and fell through to the second  
floor.

A few minutes after the crash,  
Newark's civilian defense corps  
roped off the area and helped the  
fire department battle the flaming  
residences. Later a contingent of  
service men, commanded by Capt.  
W. A. Butcher of Lockbourne air  
base at Columbus, took charge.

Witnesses said the plane, with  
one motor missing, circled the  
Newark business district several  
times. It sheared treetops adjoin-  
ing the Licking County jail, scraped  
the jail roof, and then hit the  
apartment house owned by Mrs.  
A. L. Weston.

### EXPLOSION FOLLOWS

Mrs. Weston was reported miss-  
ing and Patrolman Ralph Hunter  
said relatives expressed belief she  
was in the wreckage. As the plane  
hit the house, witnesses said the  
entire structure burst into flame as  
if a gasoline tank had plunged into  
the basement and exploded.

Parts of the big ship flew across  
an intersecting street, damaging  
the home of E. J. Edmonds, and  
knocking a huge stone pillar from  
the front of the former First  
Church of Christ, Scientist, now  
occupied by the offices of Dr.  
Roland Jones.

### TWO WOMEN INJURED

Both the Edmonds and Jones  
buildings were damaged by flames.  
Also damaged by flying debris was  
a drug store, 200 feet away, oper-  
ated by George Arensberg. Arens-  
berg said he was in the store when  
he heard a "terrific explosion and  
then saw pieces of steel shoot  
through the wall at my right." He  
said the pieces were motor parts.

Two women, Mrs. Walter Welsh  
and Mrs. Paul Winsch, daughter of  
Mrs. Welsh, were injured. Both  
were working in the apartment  
house. Mrs. Welsh suffered a pos-  
sible skull fracture and body burns,  
while Mrs. Winsch suffered burns  
and a back injury.



SCENE OF BOMBER CRASH AT NEWARK; HOMES TORN APART AND SET ON FIRE BY EXPLOSION

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