

MISSING 12-12-41 ON RETURN  
FLIGHT FROM KOLLER

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## Fear Airman Crashed in Hills Between Borden, Hagersville

Barrie, Dec. 12 (Special).—A wide search will be carried out tomorrow for a plane piloted by Pilot Officer A. C. McDonald, overdue today on a formation flight with thirty other machines from Hagersville to Camp Borden.

The thirty-one planes left Hagersville at 10:30 a.m. for the thirty-five minute flight to Camp Borden. Weather conditions were poor, falling snow limiting visibility to a few yards. Thirty planes landed safely at their destination, but there was no sign of Pilot Officer McDonald in his Harvard trainer.



P.O. McDonald.

A checkup with Hagersville failed to disclose any information. The area between the two points contains some hilly country and it is feared the plane may have come to grief in one of these sections. Had Pilot Officer McDonald made a forced landing, he would have made his way to the nearest telephone and informed Camp Borden of what

had happened, officials said. They believe he must have crashed off his course.

No details were released by No. 1 Air Training Command regarding the lost airman. He has been at Camp Borden since July as an instructor, after obtaining his wings at Uplands.

Numerous planes will take part in tomorrow's search and the entire area between Hagersville and Camp Borden will be gone over thoroughly.