

Search for Plane Pressed

FRESNO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Soldiers today are dragging a portion of Huntington Lake in search of the wreckage and members of the crew of one of the two missing B-24 bombers from Hammer Field.

Wreckage found along the shore near the road leading to a former power company construction camp led officers directing the search to believe the plane is submerged.

The plane disappeared late Monday. Meanwhile search is being continued in the Independence area for the second missing plane last heard from between there and Las Vegas Sunday.

Officers at Hammer Field said patrols over the Huntington Lake region were fruitless until the wreckage was sighted in a pocket in which they believed the huge bomber was trapped.

Some 30 men under Second Lieut. Douglas D. Rappley are making the search in the lake.

The identity of the crew members is being withheld pending the discovery of the plane and the bodies.

The Hammer Field public relations office yesterday said at least two members of the eight-man crew parachuted to safety.