

Lt. Mazer Has 100 Missions

An Eight Air Force Liberator Station, England—1st Lt. David B. Mazer, of 1301 Sussex Rd., Teaneck, is a navigator in the B124 Liberator group commanded by Col. Albert J. Shower of Madison, Wis., which recently completed 100 bombings missions against enemy targets in the exceptionally brief time of 140 days.

During this time, Col. Shower and his group "showered" over 10,000,000 pounds of high explosives onto enemy targets in Germany and the occupied countries.

This group is a part of a combat wing which was cited by Lt. General Doolittle, Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force, for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in smashing a bridge of vital importance to the enemy by descending to the extremely low and dangerous altitude of 6,500 feet. Col. Shower led the wing on this occasion.

The group also has the distinction of having the first allied heavy bomber to land in France, when on June 14, Lt. Charles W. Grace of Kalamazoo, Mich. and his co-pilot Lt. Arthur L. Prichard of Onaway, Mich. set their big Liberator down safely on a new fighter landing strip, after the other eight members of the crew had bailed out.

The outstanding bomber in the group is a Liberator nick-named "Witchcraft," which has completed 70 missions without a single turn-back because of mechanical failure.

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T/Sgt. Protin Is Given Citation

15TH AAF IN ITALY—T/Sgt. John E. Protin, 28, of 360 White-law Place, Teaneck, N. J., engineer waist gunner, has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a veteran 15th AAF Liberator Bomber Group which has been cited "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, Tenn., the group received the nation's highest organization award for an attack on the aircraft factories at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, on May 10th.

According to the citation which accompanied the award, "Ground personnel worked feverishly, enthusiastically and with untiring intensity to get all type B-24 aircraft in the best possible mechanical condition to insure the success of the operation . . .

"Adverse weather conditions broke up the wing formation of four groups, forcing two to return to their bases and causing the other group to return without dropping its bombs . . . Despite these adverse conditions and well coordinated and vicious attacks by 80 to 90 enemy fighters, the group continued on for a highly successful bombing run, which virtually obliterated the strategic Nazi manufacturing center . . .

The group entered the Italian campaign in January and has since completed more than 112 combat missions over such major Nazi targets as Ploesti, Rumania; Munich, Germany; Steyr, Austria; and Blechhammer, Germany.

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Air Medal Is Awarded To Lieut. John Costa

Lieutenant John J. Costa, son of Joseph Costa of 865 Beech Street, Teaneck, serving as a bombardier on a B-24 Liberator bomber in the Southwest Pacific area, recently was awarded the Air Medal in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, his home, and parents.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from June 14 to July 16, 1944.

Lieutenant Costa took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights include bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in his theater of operations.

Costa, overseas since April of this year, is a graduate of Teaneck High School, he entered the service in November of 1942 and was commissioned second lieutenant in December of 1943 at Barabring, Tex.

A brother, Staff Sergeant Joseph W. Costa is stationed with the Army Air Forces at Eglin Field, Texas.

Mrs. Sarver Joins Waves

Mrs. Ethel White Sarver, of 80 Bergen Avenue, Teaneck, today was sworn into the Women's Reserve, Naval Reserve, as an apprentice seaman in the enlisted quota of the Waves.

She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lorenz of the Teaneck address and the wife of the Staff Sergeant William L. Sarver, now stationed in England with the Army. Mrs. Sarver attended Wilkinsburg, Pa., High School, Eagen's Business School in Hackensack and was employed at Consolidated Film Incorporated in Fort Lee as an office clerk before entering the service.

Mrs. Sarver will soon be ordered to the training school at Hunter College, New York, for indoctrination in the Waves.

Lt. Mazer Gets D. F. C.

AN EIGHT AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND—

1st Lt. David B. Mazer of Teaneck, N. J., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in aerial combat." The award was announced recently by Major General William E. Kepner, commanding general of the Second Bomb Division.

Flying as navigator on a B-24 Liberator in the 487th Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. Albert J. Shower of Madison, Wis., Lt. Mazer has participated in 30 bombing missions to Germany and enemy-occupied territory. Many of these missions were accomplished despite fierce enemy fighter opposition.

Before entering the service Nov. 26, 1940, Lt. Mazer was a metallurgist. He is a graduate of Hackensack High School and Colorado School of Mines. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Mazer, live at 1801 Sussex Road, Teaneck.

Besides the D. F. C. just awarded, Lt. Mazer wears the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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Nurse Major Lauds U. S. Hospital Staff

A U. S. ARMY GENERAL HOSPITAL IN FRANCE—Major Marjorie Peto, Army Nurse Corps, whose home is at 1293 Sussex Road, Teaneck, New Jersey, is in command of the nurses comprising the nursing staff of this hospital.

Commenting on splendid service rendered by nurses on this hospital's staff, Major Peto said, "Recently, many of them have been aiding wounded men in tent hospitals only a few miles from the front. Thunder of the guns was so loud at night they slept only a few hours, and then with great difficulty.

"All of them know what it is to live in the field under canvas, eating K-rations and using a steel helmet for a wash basin. Once we moved into France, dresses and nursing uniforms became only a memory. The nurses now wear denim work suits and helmet liners.

"Some of our girls, after long hours on ward duty, still have personal worries in addition to those of their patient worries. The husband of one of them has been killed in action. Many have husbands and fiancés on hazardous duty. Caring for wounded men doesn't help peace of mind any, but they stick to their jobs, in a soldierly manner.

"What satisfaction does an army nurse get? The knowledge that she is using her professional skill and special training where it can most effectively help in bringing the war to a speedy, victorious conclusion. Working in war zones brings a thrill of actual participation in one of the big moments of history that no amount of work at home can give.

"I think one would have to search hard to find a member of the Army Nurse Corps who isn't proud of her organization and the work it does."

While in France, Major Peto has met her nephew, First Lieutenant William Peto, 122 Church Street, Nutley, New Jersey. Lt. Peto who

flies an Army Air Corps "Thunderbolt," has qualified as an ace, destroying five enemy aircraft in combat.

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Arthur Miller Graduates

Arthur P. Miller Jr., son of Commander and Mrs. Arthur P. Miller of 379 Winthrop Road, West Englewood, was graduated recently from the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School at Columbia University, New York City, and commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

Now stationed at Asbury Park for a month after which he expects to be transferred to Hollywood Beach, Fla., Ensign Miller entered the service in July of 1943. He is a graduate of Teaneck High School, Mount Herman Preparatory School, Massachusetts, and attended Pennsylvania State College where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the honorary journalism society, Sigma Delta Chi.

Flight Officer De Lafayette

Flight Officer Stanley de Lafayette Jr. of 91 Oak Street, Teaneck, co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achieve-

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