

Teaneck Flier In Ruhr Raid

Maj. Rohr Pilots Fort—
Army Vet at 24

By Associated Press.

AT A U. S. BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, June 22—Columns of grey smoke puffed 6,000 feet into the air today above the synthetic rubber center of Huls after American Flying Fortresses had made their first attack on the Ruhr, returning fliers said tonight.

Maj. Louis W. Rohr, of Teaneck, pilot of the Fortress "Pappy" who led the squadron from this station described the raid as "not so rough," although he said the flak was intense.

Maj. Eugene C. Lavior of Rochester, N. Y., Rohr's co-pilot, who was making his first raid, said: "We got our target all right" and

he described enemy flak as "looking like a wall in front of us at times." The fighters, he said, concentrated on head-on attacks but didn't press them home closely.

Maj. Rohr, although only 24 years old, has been in the Army Air Forces more than 3 years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rohr, 844 Queen Ann rd., Teaneck, and also has a sister, Anne, living at home.

The flier was graduated from Teaneck High School in 1936, and from Bergen Junior College in mid-term in 1939, entering the Army the day after Christmas of that year. He received his primary training at Tulsa, Okla., then was transferred to Randolph Field, Tex., and received his commission at Kelly Field, Tex.

In civil life Maj. Rohr worked in the machine shop at Peerless Moulded, Inc., 477 Teaneck rd., but even as he worked he was studying at night and spent his spare time, if any, learning to fly at Teterboro Airport. This aviation enthusiast, his father said last night, started at an early age, and at 16 the major was flying planes.

He has a wife and a 7-months-old son, Louis Ralph, who live in San Antonio, Tex.

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Flier Listed as Killed Still Alive to Mother

Letter Received
After War Dept.
Wire Buys Hope

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A mother's faith that her son is still alive is strong enough to combat the fact that his name is on a list of soldiers killed in action in the Southwest Pacific made public today by the War Department.

The soldier's name is Flight Officer Robert P. Ranges, 24, of the Army Air Force, who had been flying transport planes in New Guinea and Australia. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ranges, 1296 Alliea Ave., West Englewood, N. J.

"We don't accept the War Department news. We feel there must be some mistake," Mrs. Ranges said. "We are keeping our belief that he is alive and that the good news will come. His letters have been so lively and cheerful, especially the one that came after the War Department telegram.

In Line for DSC.

"In a letter we received shortly before that news he told us he had made 33 combat flights since March and that he had been told he was in line for the Distinguished Service Cross. Then this bolt out of the blue. We just can't accept it. After that telegram came we had another cheerful letter from him.

"Dear Mom, don't ever worry about me," he wrote in that last letter. "Things here aren't nearly as bad as you might think."

"That's what we're holding to," the mother said. "We just can't believe that he is not alive. We expect the good news to come."

Flight Officer Ranges, fair, five feet 10 and slender, won his first tennis cup when he was a student at Teaneck High School. Tennis continued to be his chief recreation until he left this country. He got his wings last October in Texas. The two other sons in the family also are in the service. Edwin, the eldest, is in the navy and John, the youngest, is taking bomber crew training in Texas.

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