

Gangwer, Roland D.

Local Gunner, Reported Missing, Held War Prisoner by Nazis

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New Year's Eve brought good news to R. M. Gangwer, 51 East Union Street, when he received a telegram from the War Department stating that his son Staff Sgt. Roland D. Gangwer, who had been reported "missing in action" October 10, 1943, is a prisoner of war of the German government.



ROLAND D. GANGWER
... prisoner of war

Several weeks before being reported missing he was awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters for meritorious service. The air medal was presented after he had completed five bombing missions over enemy territory.

In his most recent letter, dated October 1, Sgt. Gangwer wrote his father that he expected to be home for Thanksgiving Day. So confident was he that such would be the case that he asked his father to obtain two tickets to the Bethlehem-Allentown High School football game.

Sgt. Gangwer entered the service in June, 1942, and received his basic training at Keesler Field and graduated from gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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