

Blum, Robert T.

## Combat Pilot



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Second Lieut. Robert T. Blum, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Blum, 1200 Butler Street, Easton, Pa., pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has completed more than six months of an outstanding combat career. Lt. Blum is pictured in front of his aircraft after returning from a raid on German military and industrial centers. The lieutenant has flown more than 30 combat missions, piloting his plane over a variety of targets ranging from front line positions to oil refineries, air fields and important industrial and railway centers. The Easton flier has been awarded the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement—coolness, courage and skill" during aerial combat activity and also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross for courageous devotion to duty. Lt. Blum is a graduate of Chestnut High School and before entering the AAF in October 1942, he was employed as a machinist by Ingersoll-Rand Co. His wife, Mrs. Marie J. Blum lives at 902 Bushkill Street, Easton. The Pennsylvania airman is a member of the 34th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany. APR 11 1944

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