

YOUNG VALLEY FLIER HELPS TO SET RECORD

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**Sgt. Robert Rice, Rittersville,
Promoted for Feat in
Ferry Command.**

Home for four hours Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rice, 2014 Hanover Avenue, Alentown (Rittersville Section), Sergeant Robert Rice revealed his recent promotion to the rank of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Rice is a member of an Army air force crew which has been ferrying bombing planes to Australia, to India, to Africa and other places. On their most recent trip across the Pacific the crew took a heavy bombers from the United States to the Army air force headquarters at New Delhi, India, in 67 hours and 27 minutes elapsed time and an actual flying time of 60 hours and 12 minutes, a new record for the trip. The previous best time had been 98 hours. In recognition of the new record all members of the crew were given promotions on their return.



STAFF SGT. ROBERT RICE

Sgt. Rice on a recent trip to India spent seven days as guest of his cousin, Corp. Wilbur Klingaman, of Glendale Avenue, this city, who is in charge of recreation at the camp at which he is stationed in the southern tip of the peninsula. He also recently made delivery of a plane in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

The young soldier was graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1937 and later studied at Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. He was selected as an alternate for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point from this district, but when the first choice, a young man from Bangor, was accepted, he entered Penn State College, where he studied during 1939-40. He enlisted in July, 1941, and on January 22, 1942, was graduated from the Air Corps Technical School at Scott Field.

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