

Sandercock, Donald M.

Bomber Pilot Plays Trumpet In Spare Time

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AN 8TH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Second Lieut. Donald M. Sandercock, Wind Gap, Pa., veteran B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with 35 daylight missions over Germany, donated his entire free time during his combat tour to the entertainment of the personnel at this 306th Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. James S. Sutton, of Findlay, Ohio.

Sandercock, an amateur musician, played a trumpet in the station or-



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chestra and never missed a rehearsal or engagement. Many times following a seven or eight hour heavy bombardment mission he would go straight from his bomber to the music stand. Tired or not his music was always good. "Best trumpet man we ever had" say other members of the orchestra. "The lieutenant has had some plenty tough missions but he always showed up on time and in tune!"

Five times decorated with the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement during sustained operations in combat over Germany," Lieut. Sandercock has piloted his Flying Fortress over such outstanding targets as Berlin, Merseburg, Ruhland, Stuttgart and Leipzig.

Sandercock's combat crew proudly proclaim "his flying is just like his trumpet playing—smooth and solid!"

A former student at Pennsylvania State College, Sandercock entered the Army Air Forces in May, 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sandercock, live in Wind Gap.

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