

Feilbach, Raymond



LT. RAYMOND FEILBACH

Lieut. Feilbach Liberated In Nazi Downfall

Lt. Raymond Feilbach, a prisoner of war for 15 months at Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany, has been liberated and is now at an Allied military post, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Feilbach of 522 Second Avenue.

In his message, Lt. Feilbach said he "was well and expects to be home soon." He also relates how on April 30 the Germans left their camp and on May 1 the Russians arrived. On May 13 they were flown 650 miles from Barth to an Allied post in France.

He was inducted August 26, 1941, and sent to Camp Lee, Va. After a year in different camps he transferred to the Air Corps. Then on June 12, 1943, he was commissioned and received his wings as a navigator at Selman Field, Monroe, La. He was married on the same day to the former Margaret Cudd of Monroe, La.

In September of 1943 he left for overseas duty as a navigator on a B-17 bomber. It was while stationed in England with the U. S. 8th Air Force that he was reported missing in action over Germany, February 11, 1944.

Lt. Feilbach has been honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.

He is a graduate of Liberty High School and of Lehigh University, the latter with the class of 1938, and is a Phi Beta Kappa man. He formerly was employed by the J. S. Kemper Company, New York, as an underwriter.

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