

Griffith, Leon L.

**Hellertown Soldier
On Way Home 8 1945
After Philippine Duty**

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AIR FORCE, Philippines—Staff Sergeant Leon L. Griffith, 1443 Main Street, Hellertown, is returning to the United States under the provisions of the Army's point system after serving 21 months overseas with the Ringmaster P-38 group of Brigadier General Earl W. Barnes' 13th Air Corps Fighter Command.

"The bombings of Morotai were my most exciting experiences overseas," declared this veteran Jungle Air Force soldier. "The Japs came over almost every night for a month and started many fires on the strips. Several bombs hit close to the area but we had one of the best foxholes on the islands, covered with a metal screen piled high with sandbags."

Sgt. Griffith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Griffith, Hellertown. In civilian life he was employed by the New Jersey Zinc Company.

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