

Weiner, William

'FLYING TIGER' HOME FROM BURMA WARFARE

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William "Billy" Weiner, Moorestown, Fought With American Airmen Aiding China.

With gas and tires and food rationed, and with all the other changes made by war, the U. S. A., and Moorestown, Northampton County, particularly, is still the best place in the world in the opinion of Staff Sergeant William Weiner, who arrived home Sunday from thirteen months' combat duty with the "Flying Tigers" over the Burma Road.

The first thing Sgt. Weiner did yesterday, upon arriving at the Moorestown Hotel, home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weiner, was fill up on a delicious and ample meal of his mother's cooking. Then, you would think a person who hadn't been in bed for four days would want to sleep, but not Billy. He was too excited and happy at being home and it wasn't until last night that he finally crawled under the covers of a good American bed. He had spent the night before standing in a day coach on a train between Chicago and Harrisburg. So crowded were the trains that he was from Thursday morning until Sunday morning getting from Utah to Moorestown, standing most of the way.

The twenty-four-year-old former Liberty High School cheerleader was in Bethlehem today calling upon friends. He will have fifteen days at home before reporting for new duties at an air base at Pocatello, Idaho.

Sgt. Weiner left Bethlehem with the 213th Coast Artillery Corps, later transferred to the U. S. Army Air Corps and was one of twenty-five men picked to serve with that vallant band, the American Flying Tigers, who were helping China battle the Japs long before Pearl Harbor. Weiner's original outfit, the 213th, has since reached a combat zone.

But for thirteen months, he has been a gunner with the daring pilots fighting in China, skies to prevent the Japs from overrunning China. And he has a record of a number of Jap planes shot down, though he hasn't revealed how many nor said much at all of the things he has experienced out there against America's enemies.

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