

## Local Flyers Get Discharges, Army Reports,

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Nine Bethlehem Army Air Force flyers who served overseas in the various theaters of war, have been honorably discharged, according to word received here from their commanding officers.

Lt. Albert A. Kneiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kneiss, Route 4, this city, and husband of Mrs. Mary Kneiss, 1129 Furnace Street, Hellertown, was honorably released from active duty with the AAF at Indiantown Gap. Retaining his commission and rank, he is still subject to recall during the present emergency.

Before entering the service in February 1942, he was a steel worker. He received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in December of 43 and served overseas in the ETO returning to this country in April of this year. His decorations include the Air Medal with 4 clusters, won as a pilot.

Among those recently discharged at Gulfport, Miss., Army Air Field was 2nd Lt. Charles E. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Riley, 632 Seventh Avenue.

Lt. Riley entered the Army March 24, 1943 and in September 1943, transferred to the Air Force. He received his appointment as Flight Officer in September 1944, and left for overseas in December 1944. He received the European Theater of Operations ribbon with four battle stars, Air Medal, 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Unit Citation with One Cluster. He returned to the States in June, 1945. Lt. Riley attended Muhlenberg College in 1940 and 1941 and Cornell University from 1941 to 1943.

Flight Officer Edward T. Mulhearn son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Mulhearn, 1251 Russell Avenue, was released at the Drew Field Separation Station, Tampa, Fla.

Prior to entering the service in August 1943, he was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company. He received his commission in December 1944 at Selman Field, La.

Flight Officer John M. Nuss, 531 West Third Street, who served 27 months in the AAF is being honorably discharged from the service at Randolph Field.

*Kneiss, Albert A.*  
F/O Nuss who entered the Army at Greensboro, N. C., has served at Maxwell Field, Fort Myers, Childress Field as an instructor. Prior to entering the service, he was employed at the Bethlehem Steel Company.

After 31 months service with the AAF, S/Sgt. Joseph S. Wasko, 834 Lamb Street, is being separated at Laredo Army Air Field, Texas.

Prior to entering the service, he was an electrical repair wireman with the Bethlehem Steel Company. While in the Army, he served 12 months with the Fifth Air Force in the Southwest Pacific area flying 58 missions as an armorer gunner. Since his return to the States, he has been attending the Central Instructors School at Laredo. He wears the Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sgt. Wasko is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wasko, 834 Lamb Street.

Sgt. Vernon A. Bauer, this city, has been honorably discharged according to an announcement from Tyndall Field, La., Separation Base Headquarters.

Sgt. Bauer has been in the Army for 24 months, serving in the 8th Air Force in the ETO for 9 months. He was awarded the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and he wears the ETO ribbon with 4 battle stars. Sgt. Bauer completed 34 missions with the 445th Bomb Group as a tail gunner on a B-24.

S/Sgt. Harold Reibman who was employed by Brown-Borhek Company before entering the service in April 1943, was released from the service at Drew Field, Fla.

He was sent overseas in May 1944 with the 34th Bomb Group to the European Theatre of Operations where he served as a gunner on B-24 and B-17s. After completing 33 missions he returned to the United States in December 1944. He holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the ETO ribbon with four battle stars.

One of 17 Pennsylvania men discharged from the Army at Mitchel Field Separation Unit was T/Sgt. Frank Hock, Bethlehem R. D. 4.

Pfc. Frederick Opp of the Aviation Engineers of the AAF, was discharged at Sioux City, Iowa. Pfc. Opp, whose wife Rose resides at Hellertown R. D. 1, joined the Army in December 1941. He served in the Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, Rome, North Appenines, and European offensive as a cook. He wears the ETO ribbon with four battle stars, received during his 36 months overseas.

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