

McKittrick, Richard G.

Catasauqua Flier On Heroic Mission

Catasauqua again makes the news through the war exploits of one of its residents.

He is First Lieutenant Richard Gord McKittrick, pilot of a U. S. Flying Fortress, who is at present taking part in raids over Germany and Nazi-occupied low lands of Europe.

Word has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McKittrick, 528 Kurtz Street, Catasauqua, that their son has returned to active duty after participating in the bold bombing of Rumanian oil fields last summer when he escaped

with his life by the narrowest of margins.

According to information received here, Lieut. McKittrick's plane met with terrific opposition while on its mission to Rumania, and the bomber was practically destroyed by shell fire. Six members of the crew were lost, but Lieut. McKittrick proved himself a real hero by successfully bringing to earth what remained of the Fortress with its few remaining crew members.

As a result of this experience, the lieutenant was sent to a rest camp in England where he remained for a week before going back to active duty. Since that time he has been taking part in bombing raids over Germany.

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