

Unangst, Sterling J., Jr.

**Bethlehem Air
Force Radioman
Made Sergeant 20 1944**

With over 600 hours in the air as a member of the "Jungle-Skippers," Sterling J. Unangst Jr., of Bethle-

hem has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, in the Southwest Pacific Area.

Sergeant Unangst, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Unangst Sr., of 1430 Englewood Street, Bethlehem, is a flying radio operator with a troop carrier unit now based in New Guinea. The unit has compiled an enviable record in keeping a continuous flow of supplies to front-line bases. They are known as the "Jungle-Skippers" because of the difficult and treacherous jungle terrain over which they constantly fly.

Sergeant Unangst and his unit took a major part in the landing of paratroops who were a big factor in the Allied capture of Lae last September. The group has been under several Jap bombing attacks and has received two written commendations on its excellent work in supplying forward troop areas. The first of these commendations came from Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of the 5th A.A.F., and the second from Colonel Raymond Elsmore, North Australian directorate of Aird Transport.

The Bethlehem boy enlisted in the Army Air Corps in May, 1942, at the age of 19, and has been overseas since January, 1943. Prior to enlisting, he was employed as an apprentice machinist with the Bethlehem Steel Corp. A native of Bethlehem, he was graduated from Liberty High School and took a post-graduate course at Bethlehem Technical High School. His Army basic training included a five-month course in the

Army Radio Technical Training School at Scott Field, Ill.

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