

Faust, Raymond E.

Paratroop Pilot Gives Account Of D-Day Assault

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Lieutenant Raymond E. Faust, son of Mrs. Mabel M. Tearney, when speaking of the assault on Europe, claimed, "It was the greatest experience in my life. I have never seen anything to equal it." He told of the "thousands of planes swarming toward France, and the Channel thick with ships of every type."

Lt. Faust graduated from Bethlehem High school in 1935, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. before entering the service Feb. 27. He received pre-flight and advanced pilot training at Selman Field, Monroe, Ya., then was assigned to the unit with which he now serves. This unit is a veteran of the Italian and Sicilian campaigns.

Lieutenant Faust is pilot of a Troop carrier Command C-47 aircraft which carried paratroopers to the Normandy peninsula several hours before the ground forces began their attack. They flew through anti-aircraft fire to deliver their paratroopers to the designated area and returned to their home base undamaged.

He has a wife, Mrs. Virginia L. Faust, and two children, Robert E. Faust, age 5, and Ronald E. Faust, age 1.

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