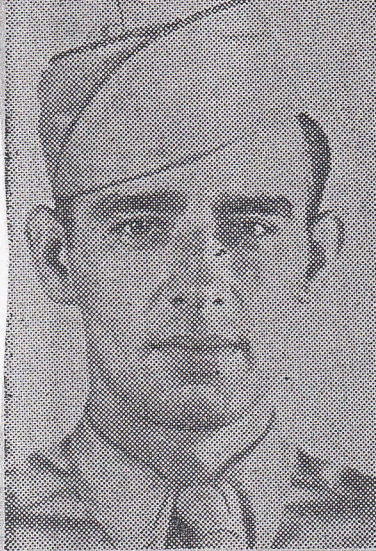


Skibo, Andrew W.

Gets Silver Wings

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Pfc. Andrew W. Skibo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Skibo of W. Walnut Street, Hellertown, was graduated last week from Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo, Texas, a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew.

Along with his diploma, he received a pair of Aerial Gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises held here.

He was prepared for his place in America's stepped-up offensive by a comprehensive six weeks' course in every phase of aerial gunnery warfare. Besides learning to fire every type weapon from camera guns to the caliber .50 Brownings, he studied turret manipulation, aircraft identification, stripping and reassembling of machine guns while blindfolded. He climaxed the course by firing on towed targets.

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