

## Local Bomber Aids In 25 Big Missions

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Staff Sergeant Walter Zabower, 23,  
On "Mission Belle" Cited Four Times

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER COMMAND STATION, England —Staff Sergeant Walter J. Zabower, 23, of Bethlehem, Pa., recently completed his 25th bombing attack on targets in Nazi-held Europe, flying as waist gunner on the Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress "Mission Belle."

The Fortress gunner, who is the son of Mrs. Frances Zabower, 808 Hayes St., Bethlehem, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his achievements in the fierce aer-

ensburg, deep in southeastern Germany. Over Schweinfurt, where the Fortresses blasted the vitals of German war industry when their bombs hurtled down on the ball and roller bearing plants located there, Sgt. Zabower kept his gun hot in one of the fiercest clashes with the Luftwaffe that has ever occurred over Europe.

Prior to enlisting in the AAF in July, 1942, Sgt. Zabower worked as a heat treater for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.



**STAFF SERGEANT ZABOWER**  
... may his luck last!

ial warfare over Europe. He is officially credited with the destruction of a Nazi Messerschmitt 110, twin-engine fighter plane. The Messerschmitt blew up in the air when the .50 caliber bullets from Sgt. Zabower's waist gun found their mark during the Eighth AAF Fortress assault on targets in the important German industrial center at Stuttgart.

As a crewman on the "Mission Belle," the Bethlehem gunner participated in the historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt plane factories at Reg-

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