

Eckert, Agnew R.

### "Dunked" In Channel On First Bombing Trip

Technical Sergeant Agnew R. Eckert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Eckert, Allentown, was "dunked" in the cold waters of the English Channel as part of his initial bombing mission over Germany. He was top turret gunner on the Flying Fortress "Spare Parts," which participated in a raid on Durren

On the return ~~NOV~~ <sup>NOV 29 1943</sup> the Fortress ran out of gas and was brought down safely in the channel. The crew of 10 took refuge in rubber rafts, eight of the members in one raft. The group including Sergeant Eckert, floated about from mid-afternoon until nearly dawn, when they were picked up by a British rescue launch.

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