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In Allied Hands

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Mrs. John R. Herd, the former Miss Thelma Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin E. Palmer, North Harding Avenue, Pen Argyl, a teacher in the public schools at Somerville, N. J., has received a telegram through the American Red Cross stating that her husband, Flight Officer John R. Herd, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hambly Herd, of West Pen Argyl, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp by Allied soldiers.

Flight Officer Herd, a bombardier

on a Flying Fortress, went overseas in June, 1944. In an endeavor to get sufficient missions accounted for in order to be given a furlough, he not only went on air raids with his own crew, but also filled in with other crews. It was while on one of the "extra" missions that he was brought down over Germany.

In a telegram received in August, 1944, he was reported as missing in action over Germany since August 9. On Labor Day morning, September 4, 1944, Mrs. Herd received word that her husband was a prisoner of war of the Germans.

The latest telegram states he is in American hands and is awaiting transportation to the United States.

Flight Officer Herd enlisted in the Army Air Corps on July 25, 1942 and prior to being sent overseas, was graduated from bombardier school as a flight officer.

He was graduated from Pen Argyl High School and was employed by the Lehigh & New England Railroad at Pen Argyl before he entered the armed forces. He was a member of Pen Argyl Male Chorus.

He has two brothers also in service, Master Sgt. William Herd in the Army in Europe, and Pvt. Walter Herd in the Air Corps.

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