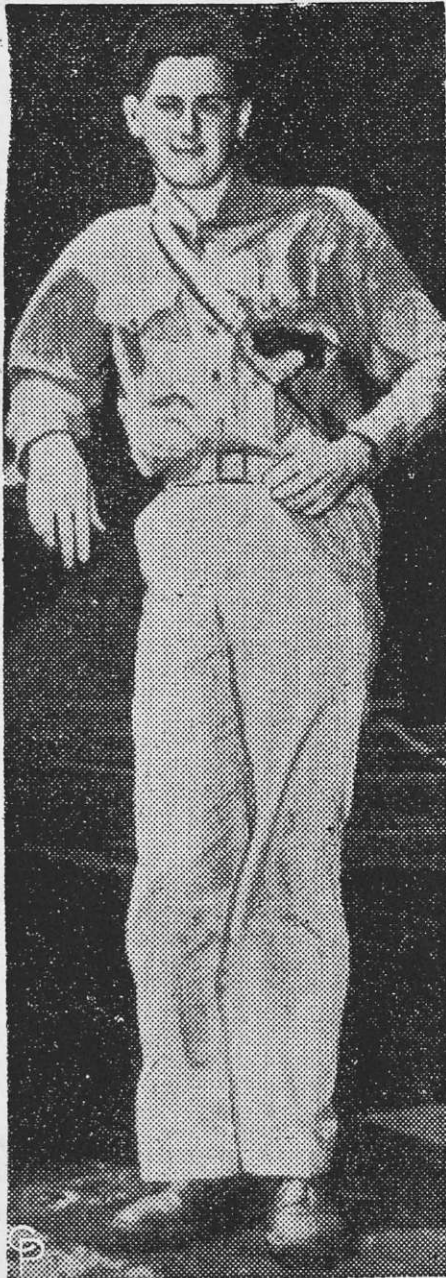


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### Coopersburg Ace



In his first combat meeting with Jap aircraft, Ensign Albert Lerch (above), 23, of Coopersburg, Pa., piloting a carrier-based Corsair fighter plane, shot down seven Jap planes. Lerch and another flier took on a force of 30 Jap craft that were attacking U. S. warships off Okinawa. Navy photo. (International). **JUN 7 1945**

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