

Hills, Charles R.

Flies Through Nazi Flak At Hamburg

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—Joining in the Eighth Air Force attack which slashed at enemy military and industrial installations stretching from the Rhine to Berlin, Second Lieutenant Charles R. Hills, 19-year-old B-17 Flying Fortress navigator, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark H. Hills, 712 Dellwood Street, Bethlehem, received his baptism by fire recently, when he flew through heavy flak to bomb key Nazi synthetic oil plants at Hamburg, Germany.

Before entering combat, Lt. Hills, former employe at Zeeman Clothing Company, Allentown, received advanced tactical training in England.

Lt. Hills serves with the colorful 390th Bombardment Group cited by the President for skill and daring in action, and which shares in another Presidential award for aiding in the Third Air Division's epic assault on key aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany. The 390th holds a war record for the destruction of enemy aircraft by a lone group in a single engagement, having destroyed 63 German fighters over the Ruhr Valley in October, 1943.

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