

Merlo, Samuel J.

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Samuel J. Merlo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merlo, of 255 South New Street, Nazareth, whose recent commissioning as a second lieutenant was announced in the Globe-Times, is a graduate of Nazareth High School, class of 1939, and enlisted in the U. S. Army on Aug. 18, 1940.

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He was stationed in Hawaii and attended West Point Prep. School until December 7, 1941, at which time the school was abandoned, due to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was then transferred to the

Air Corps, arriving in California, June 12, 1942.

Lt. Merlo received his basic training at Santa Ana, Cal., and at the Advanced Flying School, Mather Field, Sacramento, Cal., from which place he was graduated April 17, 1943, receiving his "wings" and commissioned second lieutenant as navigator.

He is now stationed at Pyote, Texas, for further training. Lt. Merlo has not been home on furlough since October 12, 1940.

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