

Manone, Carl J.

Lt. Carl J. Manone In 35 Missions Against Japan

313th WING B-29 BASE, TINIAN

Without once returning to his base before striking the empire, Lt. Carl J. Manone has completed his tour of 35 combat missions against Japan. A bombardier, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Manone, 32 Kichline Avenue, Hellertown.

Of the 35 missions, 28 were flown in Jap-shaking "Earthquake McGoon," a Superfort which was outstanding in its own right, "aborting" for the first time on its 41st mission. With that record goes another, the completion of a tour with less than 500 combat hours—many crews flew as much as 11 hours without completing a mission and getting credit.

Setting fires on a target a mile from Hirohito's palace — the most heavily defended zone in Japan — was the toughest mission, Lieut. Manone remembered. "During the run we were in searchlights for eight to 10 minutes, under constant ack-ack and fighter attacks," he said.

Four times he returned all the way from Japan on three engines and twice landed at Iwo to refuel. The most satisfying mission, beyond a doubt, Lieut. Manone stated, was the 35th—for obvious reasons.

During his tour as a lead crew member, Lieut. Manone earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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