

Siegfried, Leonard V.

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Nazareth R. D. Airman, Former PW, Discharged

Sgt. Leonard V. Siegfried, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Siegfried, Nazareth, R. D. 1, has been discharged from the Army Air Forces from Greensboro, N. C., with a total of 74 points. The young airman, twice reported missing in action, was a prisoner of the Germans until liberated by British Second Armored Division Troops on May 2, after being on forced march from Feb. 6.

Sgt. Siegfried was inducted into service Oct. 14, 1943, and received basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. After attending Gunnery School at Tyndall Field, Fla., he was sent to Charleston, S. C., and then overseas on July 25, 1944.

Joining the 460th Bombardment Group of the 15th Air Force, as a gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, he was first reported missing over Yugoslavia on his second mission, Aug. 27, 1944. With the aid of Marshal Tito's Army he was returned to his base.

Oct. 17, 1944, he was again reported missing, this time over Austria on his ninth mission. After bailing out he was taken prisoner by the Germans and moved to Stalag Luft VI, near Stettin.

Upon his return home June 20 he was granted a 90-day furlough, reporting back to San Antonio, Tex., and then to Greensboro for discharge.

Sgt. Siegfried is the holder of the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, ETO ribbon with five battle stars, Unit Presidential Citation, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and Caterpillar Award.

Prior to entering service he was employed by Brown-Borhek Company, Bethlehem.

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