

Hartzell, Donald F.

Made Air Corps Staff Sergeant After Fiftieth Combat Mission

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Donald F. Hartzell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Hartzell, reported in his last letter, dated July 9, to his parents, that he had been promoted to staff sergeant and had just completed his fiftieth air force mission from Italy.

"I am feeling mighty lucky to sit here and write this letter," the sergeant wrote. He added that with the completion of his fiftieth mission he might expect a furlough home.

His record is considered particularly good because of the fact that he landed in Italy for service there no later than March 1.

"I am sleeping for the last time in GI barracks tonight," he wrote. "Tomorrow I shall sleep in a hotel bed and eat restaurant food instead of at the mess hall."

Hartzell was inducted into service April 24, 1943, received basic training at Greensboro, N. C., and got his gunnery wings at Lowry Field, Colo. He was made sergeant at Langley Field, Va., where he was assigned to a B-24 bomber. He was formerly employed by the Bethle-



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... in 50 combat missions

hem Steel Company.

His father is city mercantile appraiser.

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