

Merlo, Samuel J.

Airman Free



LT. SAMUEL J. MERLO
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Lieut. Merlo, Nazareth Flyer, Liberated

Lieut. Samuel J. Merlo, 225 New Street, Nazareth, who was reported missing following a raid over Germany April 13, 1944, was recently liberated from a German prison camp with other Pennsylvania soldiers, according to an Associated Press dispatch received here this afternoon.

The 23-year-old airman had seen considerable action from the Pacific theater to the European. He enlisted in August, 1940, and was attending West Point Prep School in Hawaii at the time of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

After completing his Air Corps training in the States, he was commissioned in April, 1942, and in October, 1943, was sent overseas to England, becoming an aerial navigator on a Flying Fortress. He is a Nazareth High School graduate. Lieut. Merlo holds the Purple Heart, awarded him for wounds received on a mission in January, 1944, the coveted Air Medal, and a citation for bravery.

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