

Dougherty, John L.

Lt. Dougherty Proud of 8th U. S. Air Force

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Lt. John L. Dougherty recently informed his mother, Mrs. Rose Dougherty, 328 East Fourth Street, that he has taken part in many of the devastating daylight air raids on Germany by the American Eighth Air Force.

Lieutenant Dougherty, a graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, 1934, and the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., 1941, received



LT. J. L. DOUGHERTY

his commission as a Bombardier at Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, January 2, 1943. He received a second set of Wings as Navigator, at the Air Forces Navigation School, Hondo, Texas, May 13, 1943.

In England since September, Dougherty and the crew on the Flying Fortress came safely through many hazardous missions over enemy territory. The most dangerous of these was the American heavy bomber attack on the Schweinfurt ball and roller bearing plants on October, 1943, in which 60 U. S. Flying Fortresses were shot down.

Lt. Dougherty says he is "proud to be a member of the magnificent Eighth Air Force which is doing such a grand job in helping to bring this war to an end real soon."

He is believed to be the only Bombardier-Navigator from this vicinity. His wife, Nora, and six month old daughter reside in Washington, D. C.

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