

Hommer, Paul E.

"Missing" Nazareth Tail Gunner Telegraphs Parents of Safety

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The second telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hommer, 22 Chestnut Avenue, Nazareth, about their only son, Staff Sergeant Paul E. Hommer, who had been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia by the War Department recently, brought glad tidings.

The telegram was from Paul himself, and stated: "Please don't worry; all well and safe. All my love—Paul." It was dated July 8 and was marked: "Received at 10:45 a. m. overseas."

On June 28, the Hommers received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son had been missing in action since June 16 over Yugoslavia. No further de-

tails or information were given.

Staff Sergeant Hommer, who was 23 on July 5, had completed over forty missions as a tail-gunner. He had been awarded the Air Medal and Seven Oak Leaf Clusters.

He was inducted into the Army on August 4, 1942, and received his training at Ft. Myers, Fla., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Texas, and was sent overseas in January of this year. He was stationed "somewhere in Italy." The date of his last letter to his parents was June 15.

He is a graduate of Nazareth High School and prior to his induction was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

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