

Lieut-Colonel

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LT.-COL. J. ROBERT FISCHEL

J. R. Fischel Gets Promotion To Lieut-Col.

The promotion of J. Robert Fischel of 103 Main Street, Hellertown, to Lieutenant Colonel has just been announced by the War Department in Washington. Colonel Fischel is currently assigned to duty at the Dover Army Air Field, Del., as Chief Engineer of the Army Air Forces experimental Rocket Station in charge of the development of rocket missiles for aircraft, so effectively used in the combat theaters in the closing stages of the war.

Prior to being assigned to the AAF Rocket Station, Colonel Fischel was stationed at Wright Field, O., where he was military director of the large structures laboratory and in full charge of the structural testing of all AAF aircraft including such familiar models as the P-47, P-38, P-51, P-80, C-54 and B-29. In December of 1943 he was advanced to the position of Chief Structures Engineer for the Army Air Forces which position he held until selected to head the rocket engineering project for the Army Air Forces in the summer of 1944.

Colonel Fischel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fischel of Hellertown and is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, class nautical Engineering. Before of 1933, and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, class of 1937, from which he holds the degree of B. S. in Aero-being called to the Army Air Force he was employed by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California as structural analyst and later as structures research engineer. While at Lockheed he made several notable contributions to the knowledge of aircraft structures in the form of technical articles in the Journal of the Aeronautical Sciences, and holds the rating of Associate Fellow in the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences.

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