

Weaver, Raymond

HELLERTOWN YOUTH IN MIDDLE EAST

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**Sergeant Raymond Weaver Ad-
dresses Parents of Safe Ar-
rival in Orient.**

Several weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Lyold P. Weaver received word from their son, Sergeant Raymond Weaver, stating that his crew was expecting to go to the Orient. At that time he was stationed at West Palm Beach, Fla.

This week Mr. and Mrs. Weaver received a letter from their son announcing that he arrived safely somewhere in the Middle East. The word Africa was mentioned on one occasion in the letter and he stated the weather was still very hot.

In a letter he states "the people in that section wear a garment which reminds him of a nice long white night gown. The women wear veils over their face. The milk man brings his goats or cattle right to the customer's door step and does his milking there. The street cars are old "dinkeys" that would be in a museum in the States. Most of the people are colored and among the few white people are refugees from Europe.

Having enlisted in the service March 19, 1941, he received his sergeant's rating nine months after he completed his training at an Army gunner's school at Las Vegas, Nevada. For some time he had also been stationed at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla., and also at an army air base in Louisiana.

He attended Hellertown High School and for some time served as a military policeman at the Tampa airport. In concluding his letter he was unable to definitely tell when he would return to the States.

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