

Flammer, Robert G.

## Flak-Drilled Bomber Lands Safely After Vienna Mission

**15th AAF IN ITALY**—Staff Sgt. Robert G. Flammer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Flammer, 792 Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa., has flown his 35th combat mission in this theater.

Flammer has participated in many attacks against important enemy installations in southern and central Europe, as ball turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator of the 15th Army Air Force.

"I'll never forget my first attack against the Florisdorf oil refineries at Vienna," said Flammer. "The flak was breaking all over our part of the sky. We had an engine shot out, and over 30 holes drilled in our plane. I had a close call when a piece of flak tore through the plane a second after I had moved away. We lost seven planes in two minutes that day; it was rough."

A graduate of Liberty High School, Flammer worked at the Bethlehem Steel Company before his induction in February of 1943. He arrived overseas last October and holds the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.



**S/SGT. ROBERT G. FLAMMER**  
... narrowly escapes death

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