

Elliott Jr., R. A.

Sets New Record



A NINTH AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND UNIT, France — The Quartermaster Truck Group commanded by Colonel R. A. Elliott Jr., son of R. A. Elliott, 711 Prospect Avenue, set a new record during the month of March, 1945, while hauling bombs, munitions, gasoline and supplies to Ninth Air Force airstrips in Europe.

Colonel Elliott's "truckers" transported more than 12 million gallons of 100 octane aviation gasoline to advance Ninth fighter-bomber and medium bomber air bases in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany during the month. One gasoline company alone, using 31-foot "tanker-trailers" each with a capacity of 4,000 gallons of high octane gasoline, carried better than 7½ million gallons during March.

Since arriving on the continent, Colonel Elliott's group has covered more than 6½ million miles while hauling better than 250,000 tons of bombs, gasoline and supplies for the Ninth Air Force.

Colonel Elliott graduated from West Point in 1933. He served with Infantry units from 1933 to 1940 prior to being detailed to the Army Air Corps, spending two years in Panama. Before leaving for overseas service in the European Theatre of Operations in October, 1943, he was chief of the Quartermaster Section at the Sacramento, Calif., Air Depot. In the United Kingdom and in France he was, at various times, Chief of the Quartermaster Section, Administration Section and Chief of Staff for Ninth Air Force Service Command units, prior to assuming command of a large Quartermaster Truck Group.

Colonel Elliott's wife, Mrs. Mary E. Elliott, lives at 524 South Walnut Street, West Chester, Pa.

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