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### Hellertown Man Lands Glider In Unsecured Zone

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In the 17th Airborne's recent invasion across the Rhine at the Wesel bridgehead, S/Sgt. Joseph T. Balum, son of Mrs. Susan Balum, 901 Jersey Avenue, Hellertown, landed in a glider on zones which for the first time in airborne history had not previously been secured from the enemy by parachutists.

The Hellertown gliderman, leader of a rifle squad, is also a veteran of last Winter's bitter fighting in the Battle of the Belgium Bulge. At that time his unit was flown across the English Channel to help form the Meuse River defense when the German salient threatened that sector. After taking part in the subsequent campaign which threw the Germans behind the Siegfried Line, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Before entering the service he attended high school in Hellertown and was employed by the Edison Splttdorf Corporation of Bethlehem.

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