

Weaver, Raymond F.

Son Reported Dead, Mother Still Hopes

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Although Sgt. Raymond F. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Weaver, 723 Front Street, Hellertown, was declared officially dead October 29, his mother doesn't believe it.

"I have a feeling that he's alive. I think that he must be a prisoner of the Italians. He'll be 20 years old December 29," she said yesterday.

A gunner with the Army Air Force, Sergeant Weaver's entire crew failed to return from a night bombing mission in the Middle East theater October 28, 1942. None of the several planes had contact with each other. All available search and research facilities had been employed, a notification from his commanding officer, Maj. Richard C. Sanders stated.

Sergeant Weaver enlisted March 19, 1941, while he was a junior in Hellertown High School, active in



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sports. He received his sergeant rating four months after he completed his basic training in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a military policeman while stationed at MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla. Barksdale Field, La., was his next station. He was in Brazil before he flew to Eritrea, North Africa. His last letter was sent from Palestine.

The official death notice came from Maj. Gen. J. A. Ullo, adjutant general.

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