

Don Meeker Goes

To Bombardier School

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MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD, Midland, Texas. — Picked as one of the men whose job it will be to train America's deadly bombsight on Axis targets, Cadet Don E. Meeker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Meeker of Hidalgo has reported at the "nation's number one bombardier school" here for 12 weeks of intensive training.

In the process of winning his silver bombardier wings and a commission as second lieutenant or appointment as flight officer in the Army Air Force he will undergo what Army officials have described as "one of the most thorough, all around courses of training ever devised for fighting men." In addition to acquiring an intimate knowledge of the complex workings of the famous bombsight, this tyro Axis blaster will study navigation, camouflage detection, automatic flight control devices, enemy ship and aircraft identification. He will study the maps and charts of vital enemy targets; he will learn how to load and fuse his bombs, as well as to drop them.

By the time he has completed his training in the classroom, in the air, and on the ground, Don will have earned the nickname "Hell from Heaven Man," and he will have earned the silver wings which will mark him as a full-fledged Axis buster.