

PAUL UTLEY KEEPS LIBERATORS FLYING IN SOUTH PACIFIC

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COMBAT MISSIONS OVER
JAPANESE TERRITORY

HDQ., 13th AAF, SW PACIFIC—In nine months overseas service with the 13th AAF, Private First Class Paul B. Utley, Newton, Ill., has prepared Liberators for 75 combat missions.

Private Utley, mechanic in a 13th AAF squadron of B-24s, has piled up his "missions" working under handicaps caused by tropical climate, extended supply lines and air force front line living conditions.

Day or night, Utley is on hand at the jungle air strip with other members of his crew to meet the returning bombers. Damage of the day's raid is repaired immediately and the planes are made ready for an instant emergency take-off.

Liberators under Utley's charge are credited with the destruction of 12 enemy Zeros.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Utley of Newton, the young technician entered the AAF in August, 1942, attended the Boeing School of Aeronautics on the West Coast, and arrived overseas in November, 1943. Utley is Authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific service ribbon with two battle stars for major 13th AAF campaigns in the South, Southwest Pacific, and Central Pacific. He formerly was employed by the Lane Gas & Oil Company and the Newton Ice & Cold Storage company.