

## COMMISSIONED ON FIELD OF BATTLE

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James Lee Diel, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Diel of Newton, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Paratroopers on the battlefield in France, following action on D-day in Normandy, his parents have learned. He just received his final papers, however, the latter part of last week.

He went to England several months ago as a jumpmaster in charge of a group of paratroopers and was promoted there to technical sergeant, his rank at the time of the invasion. Landed behind the lines, he and his men accomplished their mission of sabotaging the enemy communications and then fought their way back to the American lines. He is now in England.