"There are no atheists in the Army Air Force; they all believe in the Lord."

That's the comment of a Camden flier, returned on furlough after 51 missions as a waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator which took him over 11 European countries.

He is S/Sgt. John W. Liss, 21, son of Mrs. August Liss, of 1473 Princess avenue, who entered the Army two years ago and has been serving overseas in Italy for seven months.

Sergeant Liss said that before the fliers go on a mission the chaplain always talks to them.

In the 51 missions in which he took part, Sergeant Liss was never wounded, although he was compelled to bail out once after a raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Romania. Fortunately, he said, he landed via parachute in territory controlled by our Army 10 miles from his field base.

His 51 missions took him over Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Romania, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Bulgaria.

For his exploits, Sergeant Liss has been awarded the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf clusters. In addition to this his unit received a Presidential citation for a raid on Herman Goering's plane works at Bad Voslau, Austria, which was, as Sergeant Liss said, "wrecked."

Born in Camden, Sergeant Liss is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High school, class of 1942. He is married to the former Miss Betty Stetler, of Audubon, and now makes his home at 115 Washington terrace, Audubon.

Sergeant Liss met his brother, Lawrence, 19, who is in the infantry in Italy more than a year ago. They located each other through the Red Cross. Both took part in the invasion of France on D-Day. Another brother, August, 32, is in the Coast Guard auxiliary.

After his furlough, Sergeant Liss will go to the redistribution center at Atlantic City.

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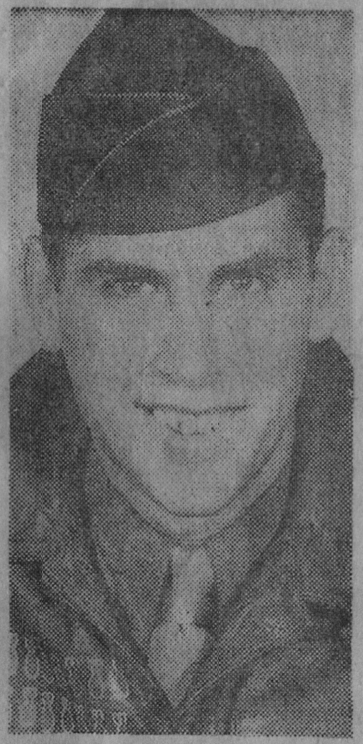

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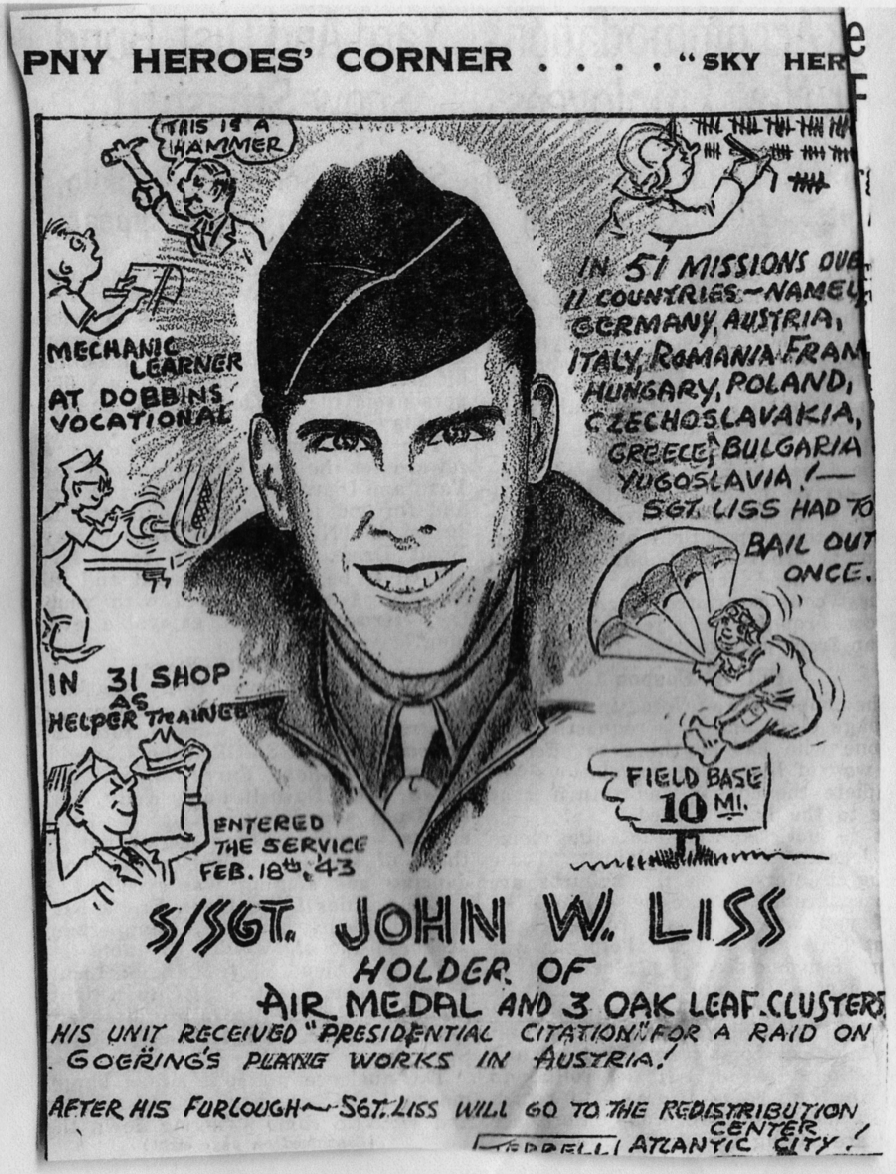

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