

TOLLESON MAN SAVES CREW MEMBERS IN DARING RESCUE

15th AAF IN ITALY: Most people would hesitate and think twice before deciding to hang by their feet from a fast moving airplane at an altitude of thirteen thousand (13,000) feet. Such wasn't the case with Sgt. Richard E. Hintz, 28, son of Mrs. Vernie Riley, 3rd and Adams Streets Tolleson, Arizona, a ball turret gunner on an Italian based Liberator bomber. Sgt. Hintz, without hesitation or regard for personal danger, performed his 'man on the flying trapeze' act while returning from a 15th Air Force attack on Nazi gun emplacements near Toulon, France.

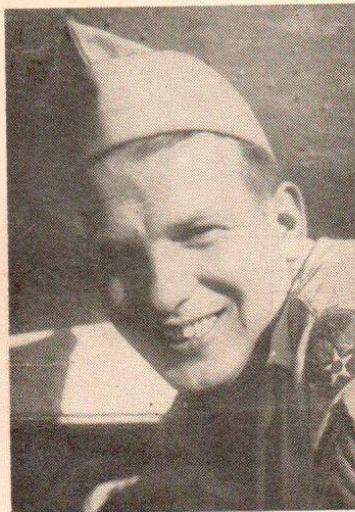
Over the target the bomb bay doors on Sgt. Hintz's big bomber failed to open. Knowing that the wedged doors offered no barrier to the powerful thousand pounders, the bombardier pulled the release switch. As was expected the bombs crashed through toward the target, leaving the bomb bay doors swinging from their hinges. About this time one of the engines on the plane went out. Ordinarily this would have been no hardship, for a Liberator can easily fly on three engines. The added drag of the open bomb bay, however, forced the plane to lose altitude rapidly. In an effort to lighten the load all excess ammunition was thrown overboard. The Lib. continued to drop. There was no alternative but to make an attempt to close the flapping doors.

Without hesitation Sgt. Hintz and another member of the crew voluntarily descended into the bomb bay. Hanging by their feet and with the aid of hooks fashioned from arming wire the two men fished for the swinging doors. After forty-five (45) minutes of breath-taking angling, they succeeded in securing and fastening the open doors.

"There's no doubt that the work of these two men was directly responsible for the safe return of our plane," said the pilot, Capt. Nelson S. Hill, 29, 15 Penn Ave.,

Sgt. Hints entered the Air Corps on May 19, 1943, and received his gunnery training at the Army Air Base, Ft. Meyers, Fla. He has taken part in sixteen combat missions over enemy territory, and has been awarded the Air Medal.

In Italy



STAFF SERGEANT Richard E. Hintz in his ball turret prior to a mission over the rail center at Budapest. An armor-gunner, Sgt. Hintz is stationed in Italy with a 15th AAF Liberator bombardment squadron. Before entering the air corps Sgt. Hintz helped modify the same type ship he now flies in while working at Goodyear Aircraft. Sgt. Hintz holds the Air Medal award. Mother, Mrs. Vernie Riley, lives in Tolleson, Arizona.

Tolleson Man Is Promoted

Tolleson—Richard E. Hintz, son of Mrs. Vernie E. Riley, is now Sgt Hintz, it was announced last week from the Pueblo, Colo., Army Air base where he is stationed. Well known an amateur boxer, he joined the army air corps last year. At present he is the gunner with a combat crew.

Assigned to the Pueblo, Colo., Army Air Base, Sgt. Richard E. Hintz, son of Mrs. Vernie E. Riley, Third and Adams Streets, Tolleson, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is a gunner.

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. Richard E. Hintz, son of Mrs. Vernie E. Riley, Tolleson, is completing his training on a Liberator bomber at the Pueblo, Colo., Army Air Base, and will report for duty overseas. He was an aircraft assembler before entering the service in May, 1943.



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Excitement Sweeps U. S. At Glad News

By the Associated Press

America greeted announcement of Germany's unconditional surrender with a mixture of emotions.

Hilarious gaiety, solemn prayer in the streets, a partial stoppage of business and an electric feeling of excitement swept from coast to coast.

New York City's reaction was a snowstorm of waste paper that cascaded from buildings as people shouted and sang in the streets. Others openly wept and prayed on sidewalks.

Police roped off Times Square and all vehicular traffic was stopped in the financial district. Thousands left their jobs to parade with flags and banners.

"Business as usual," was the reaction from the New York Stock Exchange.

In Washington, President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines termed the German surrender "a decisive step" along the road to final victory but emphasized that United Nations must not rest. Japan is likewise com-