

## Logan Brothers United Overseas

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND—Sgt. Earl and S/Sgt. Merl Bell, 22-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bell of Logan, O., were recently assigned to a B-17 Flying Fortress squadron here as combat gunners.

The brothers, who were inseparable in civilian life, enlisted in the Air Corps on July 9, 1942, and were sent to Patterson Field, O., for basic training. Later they were transferred to Santa Ana, Cal., where they remained for about six months. Then they were parted. Earl was assigned to a bombardiers' school at Victorville, Cal., and Merl was sent to an aircraft mechanics' school at Amarillo, Tex.

From these training bases, the twin brothers traveled around the states from station to station on each other's heels. As one would arrive at a station, the other would just be leaving for another base.

Then after the beginning of this year, Earl arrived at an air base in Louisiana to round out his training in preparation for overseas combat. Aware that his brother was stationed at the same base, he applied for a transfer to Merl's unit. The transfer was effected immediately, and two days later the twins were again in the same outfit and assigned to the same Flying Fortress, Merl as top turret gunner, and Earl as ball turret gunner.

They next flew across the Atlantic to the British Isles in the same bomber.

Now the brothers are manning twin 50s on the Fort "Miss Mickey Inn" and playing a prominent role in the growing daylight bombing offensive in preparation for the impending invasion.

Prior to entering the Air Corps, the brothers were employed at the Trench Factory at Logan.

## Twins Relax After Flight



Earl Bell and twin brother, Merl.

## Ohio Radio Operator Is Reported Missing

BELLEFONTAINE, O., May 6.—S/Sgt. Everett E. Culp, radioman on a Flying Fortress, has been missing since May 4.

## TRAIN FOR SERVICE

CAMBRIDGE, O., May 6.—In recent training course under direction of the Red Cross a Cambridge unit of the American Women's Voluntary Service, 1 young women received final instructions in serving as hostesses in Army hospitals. They will be available for duty at Fletcher