

'Abda Really Did A Job for Us'

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Lieutenant Abdallah Wins Praise for Bombing Work During Attack Upon Brenner Pass.

"Abda really did a job for us today," was how Lieutenant Colonel Frank Allen described the work of First Lieutenant John E. Abdallah of 18 Alden Street, during a raid on Brenner Pass Nov. 10, in a statement released today by the Army Air Force Headquarters in North Africa.

Lieutenant Colonel Allen said that the East End man, who is a bombardier aboard his Flying Fortress was "right on the target" as the ship rolled over the famed meeting place of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

"I got a chance to glance down just as we went into our turn off the target," said Allen as he told of Abdallah's marksmanship "and I saw bursts starting through the railway yards and then there was a big explosion in the vicinity of the roundhouse. It looked to me as though there is quite a little rolling stock that Jerry won't receive unless someone is good at constructing jig saw puzzles."

The Lieutenant Colonel, who



JOHN E. ABDALLAH

formerly was a commercial airline pilot, said he always wanted "to see the famous trysting place of Adolf and Musso, but the way the weather was when we started out, I was afraid I was doomed to disappointment."

A resident of Chicago, the Flying Fortress commander described the weather as "really stinko," but said it cleared up. "We saw some fighters on the way in and just to make sure there would never

Flying Fortress Pilot In High Tribute to East End Resident; Plane Is Attacked By Germans.

be a dull moment, one of my superchargers went out and left me with but three engines from the start of the bombing run until we got home," he continued.

"We even had the navigator (Second Lieutenant John P. Groome of Wilkensburg, Pa.) working overtime in getting us through that weather and the entire crew began to sweat when those Nazi fighters made a couple of passes at us. I heard the guns bark a little and kept heading for home and after about a half an hour the boys informed me that Jerry had decided to call it a day. You know, there is one thing I like about these Flying Fortresses. There really has to be something wrong with them before they fail to get you home."

Lieutenant Abdallah is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abdallah and has had many experiences in the war zones. He was shot down over Italy early in the Summer and was rescued by a British warship which returned him to port from whence he set out to rejoin his bomber command.

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