

Other Oscherleben Highlights



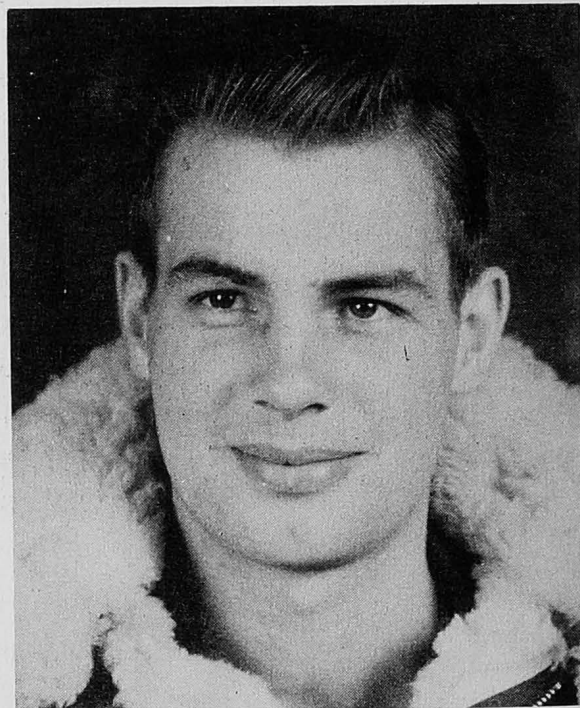
LT. FERDYN AND COL. SEAWELL'S CREW

First Lt. Joseph E. Ferdyn of Mexico, N. Y., says all his other missions have been comparative "set-ups" in contrast to his first one over Oscherleben, Germany, for which he later wore a Presidential Citation. "We were under fighter attack for more than two hours. Our gunners got credit for two destroyed Jerry fighters." The Group turned in 93 claims for destroyed, probably destroyed and damaged enemy fighters and 66 were confirmed and allowed.



LT. BINGHAM

2nd Lt. George F. Bingham nursed his "Hell's Angels" back to England after the mission with the rudder hanging useless, ordered eight of the crew to bail out and then he and his co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Francis W. Hoad landed with the plane on automatic pilot, through a dense fog.



S/SGT. KOEHLER

About 18 miles from Oscherleben, flak hit S/Sgt. Earl L. Koehler, waist gunner, knocking him unconscious. S/Sgt. James O. Nichols, also struck, was able to administer first aid and Koehler returned to his guns until the target was passed. He later received the Silver Star.