

Sgt. Paltrineri Located In German Prison Camp

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Mrs. Josephine Paltrineri of 43 Leary road, Wellesley, has been notified by the Red Cross that her son, Technical Sergeant Louis Paltrineri, has been located in a German prison camp somewhere in occupied France. She had previously been informed by the War Department that he was missing in action after a bombing mission over occupied France on May 24. He was a radio gunner in a B-17 with the Eighth Air Force bomber group in England.

In April Sgt. Paltrineri was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and in May he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in action. The citation read: "For extraordinary achievement while serving as radio operator-gunner on a B-17 (Flying Fortress) on many heavy bombardment missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. In addition to warding off many enemy attacks from his gun position, Sgt. Paltrineri distinguished himself by calm and skillful handling of his radio during aerial attack. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sgt. Paltrineri on all those occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

A graduate in 1942 from Wellesley Senior High School, where he was an honor student, Paltrineri enlisted in the Air Corps on his eighteenth birthday, July 30, 1942 and was sent to Miami, Fla., for preliminary training. He was transferred to Camp Kearney, Nebr., to study radio operation in bombing school and his proficiency gained him rapid advancement. Previous to going overseas in November 1943, he married Miss Treva Lynch of Kearney and his daughter, Christine Louise, was born this month.

In a ship called "Measles" because it became spotted with flak holes painted red, Sgt. Paltrineri completed 29 missions into enemy territory, carrying a pair of baby boots for good luck. Although no official report has been received that he has been wounded, a press release by an American newspaper correspondent overseas indicates that he was slightly wounded at one time.

His brother, Staff Sergeant Arzvedo J. Paltrineri, has just left this country with an A. P. O. number out of New York. He enlisted in the Army in February 1941 and was assigned to coast artillery anti-aircraft battery. He has been stationed at various points in the United States, including Long Island, New York, California, Texas, and Louisiana, and in December married a young lady in Philadelphia.

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T-SGT. LOUIS PALTRINESI, 19, of Wellesley (above), is congratulated by Col. E. M. Wittan, commanding officer of an Eighth Air Force wing, after receiving the DFC for gallantry in action. Paltrinesi enlisted in the Air Corps on his 18th birthday, July 30, 1942, shortly after graduating from Wellesley High. He was sent to Miami, Fla., for preliminary training and then to Camp Kearney, Neb., studying radio operation

in bombing school, and his proficiency gained him quick recognition. He went overseas late in 1943 and is now stationed in England with the Eighth Air Force bomber group. He also holds the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. While at Camp Kearney he married Miss Treva Lynch of Kearney, Neb., and expects to become a daddy next month. "I'm more nervous about this event than any mission I have been on," he declares.