

TSgt James P. Desbrow

Location - West-A: R33, C8

T/Sgt. James P. Desbrow, 902 Knapp street, had been stationed with the 4168th army air field, Lubbock, Tex., following duty overseas. He was awarded the distinguished unit citation, good conduct medal, air medal with one oak leaf cluster, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, Philippine liberation ribbon and three overseas service bars. He has been in service since March 12, 1942.

DESBROW, OSHKOSH, IS BOMB CREW MEMBER

With the V Bomber Command, Fifth A. A. F., Somewhere in New Guinea — (Special) — Tech. Sgt. James P. Desbrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Desbrow, 902 Knapp street, Oshkosh, Wis., is a radio operator gunner on the crew of a Red Raider Liberator bomber, hard-hitting Fifth A. A. F. heavy bomb outfit in the New Guinea area. Prior to flying combat in the Liberators, the sergeant flew as a radio operator in a Glenn L. Martin Marauder.

Sergeant Desbrow has been overseas and flying in combat for more than a year. He flew with the Red Raiders when they supported the invasion of New Britain and northern New Guinea. During this period he has flown more than 30 combat missions and logged over 179 combat hours over Jap held installations. He has had the experience of fighting off interception by Jap Zeros, firing from his position at one of the waist guns.

He enlisted in the army air forces, March 13, 1942 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and attended the Scott Field radio operator school before coming overseas. He is a graduate of the Oshkosh High school.

To date he has acquired the good conduct ribbon; Asiatic-Pacific theater campaign ribbon with one bronze star; and he is authorized to wear the presidential unit citation device while a member of the Red Raiders. The citation was awarded the Red Raiders for its meritorious achievements in the Papuan campaign.