

SERGT O'NEIL FIRST TO BOMB GERMANY

Malden High Graduate and Son of Mr and Mrs John J O'Neil, 99 High St, Was Waist Gunner on U S Bomber That Dropped Eggs on German Capital in Saturday's Raid. Enlisted in 1941. Graduate of Cheverus and Malden High.

To Staff Sergt John J O'Neil Jr, 99 High st, this city, goes the distinction to be the first New England boy to drop bombs on Berlin in the big raid Saturday. He was a waist gunner on the Eighth Air Force bomber piloted by Lieut William V Owens of Columbus, Ohio.

Enlisted in 1941

Staff Sergt O'Neil is 21 years old and a native of Malden. He always lived here, attended Sacred Hearts church

and enlisted in the air corps just a month after getting his diploma at Malden High in June, 1941.

He trained at Grenier Field, Manchester, N H, and went overseas in Jan '43. He received his early education at the Cheverus school. He received his wings in England in October '43.

His father, John J O'Neil, Sr, is a veteran of World War one, is a member of the Legion and is employed as an engineer at the plant of the Electric Co. He has one brother, Francis O'Neil, and three sisters, Mrs Daniel (Mary) Courtney, whose husband is in the Army in Africa, and Misses Kathleen and Rita O'Neil at home.