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SHOOTING SKE (GPR187-2-458) 9-1-45 SKEET RANGE

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, ENGLAND:--FLIGHT OFFICER WALTER SOPRONIK (LEFT), OF 37 JOHNSON AVE., KEARNY, N. J., IS LOADING HIS GUN ON THE SKEET RANGE OF THE 453TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP. CAPT. LESTER F. HEATH, ROUTE 2, GRANTS PASS, ORE., AS GROUP GUNNERY OFFICER, IS ON HAND TO SUPERVISE AND GIVE SUGGESTIONS. ALL CREW MEMBERS RECEIVE INTENSIVE TRAINING IN GUNNERY THROUGHOUT THEIR TOUR OF OPERATIONS. SKEET PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THIS PROGRAM, AS IT GIVES VALUABLE TRAINING IN "LEADING" AND "TRACKING."

F/O SOPRONIK, WHOSE PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL SOPRONIK, LIVE IN KEARNY, IS A NAVIGATOR ON A B-24 LIBERATOR HEAVY BOMBER. HE ARRIVED IN ENGLAND RECENTLY TO BEGIN HIS JOB OF FINDING THE WAY TO THE TARGET AND BACK D BASE FOR THE BIG BOMBERS. BEFORE ENTERING THE SERVICES HE WAS A STUDENT AT KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL.

CAPT. HEATH'S MOTHER, MRS. IRMA WOLFF, LIVES IN GRANTS PASS, ORE. HE HAS BEEN OVERSEAS SINCE FEBRUARY, 1944.

THE 453TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP IS A PART OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION COMMANDED BY MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM E. KEPNER.