

Joseph Edward Hearn, T-40

12 April 1922 – 6 July 2016

(aged 97)



Scraps with the Japs are old stuff to Joseph E. Hearn, Jr. -----recently promoted to Captain with the "Flying Horse" Fighter Group of the 14th Air Force. Commissioned at Craig Field into action in the Asiatic Pacific Theater the summer of 1943. As squadron flight leader and later assistant operations officer, he has tangled in more than 100 aerial fights for which he has won the Distinguished Flying Cross with an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Combat wounds brought him the Purple Heart. The two bronze stars on his campaign ribbon stand for some side runs into China.

A graduate of Tech High School, Capt. Hearn won school and state honors in oratory there and later finished Civilian Pilot Training at Memphis State College.

He is expected home on leave soon. His wife is the former Elizabeth E. Reagin, 734 N. Auburndale, and his mother is Mrs. Hearn, 819 N. McNeil. Information from The Press-Scimitar, Tuesday, February 6, 1945.