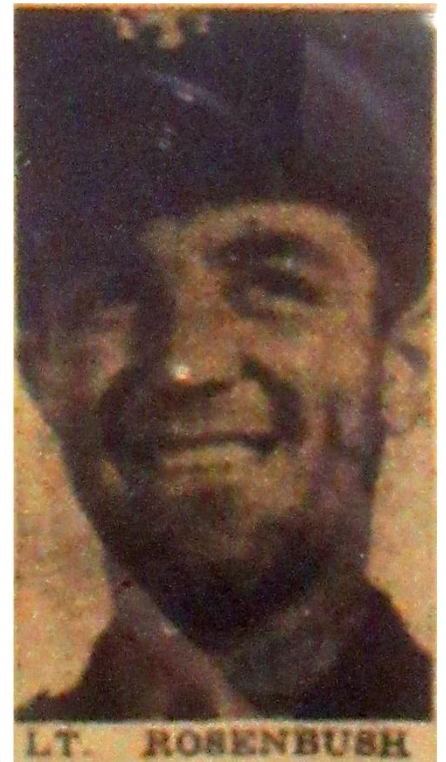


Mervin M. Rosenbush, T-30

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(aged 70)



Memphian Helps in Merging Two Wrecked Planes

To Lt Mervin M. Rosenbush, on leave of absence as aviation editor of The Press-Scimitar, goes credit for one of the biggest salvage jobs ever undertaken at an Army base.

Two Flying Fortresses cracked up beyond repair at the Army Air Base at Lockbourne, Ohio. In bad landing crackups, No. 65 wrecked its whole rear section from the radio compartment to the tail rudder and No. 49 demolished its front assembly.

Lt Rosenbush as the engineering officer, responsible for maintenance of all aircraft assigned to his squadron, began about a month ago placing the two together and making one good Flying Fortress out of the mess. The tail of 49 and the assembly of 65 were joined together.

"This isn't the first time that a job like this has been done; control depots overseas are doing it all the time. But it is very unusual for an air base the size of Lockbourne and without control depot facilities to fall back upon to be performing such a task," according to the publication, "Training News."

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