

Two Kearny Youths Win Wings

Will Be Among 236 to Be Graduated Tomorrow at Army's Advanced Training School (1940)

Two Kearny youths will be among 236 flying cadets to be graduated tomorrow from the United States Army Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Tex.

In modern basic combat, formation flying, cross-country, instrument and night flying. They have had a total of 225 hours of flying and about 400 hours of ground school instruction in navigation

They are Boris M. Zubko, son of



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Robert E. McKenna

Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Zubko of 53 Johnston avenue, and Robert E. McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McKenna of 184 Devon street. They will receive their flying "wings" and commissions as second lieutenants in the Army Air Corps Reserve.

meteorology, airplane structure design, radio and allied tactical military subjects.

Zubko is a graduate of Kearny High School. He and McKenna started a period of basic flight training in the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field, Tex., after receiving elementary training at civilian flying schools. After three months at Randolph they were transferred to Kelly Field.

Zubko and McKenna had to pass

Cited for Bravery



CAPT. BORIS ZUBKO

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According to an Associated Press dispatch last night, Capt. Zubko son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zubko, of 53 Johnston avenue, Kearny, has been awarded the Silver Star, one of the highest citations of the U. S. Army Air Corps, for "gallantry in action." The Kearny-youth is serving under General MacArthur in the present New Guinea campaign, where he is a pilot of one of the famous U.S.

Flying Fortresses. No other details were announced by the Army in announcing the citation. Capt. Zubko is the first West Hudson man to be cited in action.

Kearny AAF Major Training

Crews for Super-Fortresses

Major Boris Zubko, Veteran of Early Pacific Fighting, Now Busy Preparing Crews for B-29 Raids

Major Boris M. Zubko, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Zubko of 53 Johnston avenue, Kearny, is preparing American navigators and bombardiers for what may be eventual destruction of Japan as a military power.

The youthful Kearny veteran of Pacific warfare is commanding a squadron of B-29 Army Super-Fortress bombers at the Dyersville Army Base, Tenn., where he has been stationed since he returned from the Southwest Pacific area a year ago.

Holder of the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, Zubko as pilot of a Flying Fortress, flew daily for 13 months against the then superior Jap air force. He was one of the first to drop a bomb load over the Japanese stronghold at Rabaul, New Guinea. On his return from one mission over Rabaul his squadron ran into 30 Zeros. They shot down 10 and routed the others without loss to themselves.

Major Zubko was assigned to the Midwest headquarters of the 20th Air Force several months ago to take charge of a squadron of huge B-29's of the type which have twice raided the Japanese mainland. He was an original member of the 19th Bombardment Group which joined General MacArthur's scanty air force in the East Indies. Capt. Kelly was a member of the group.

Last September the Kearny pilot married Miss Johnna Riedhorst at the Tennessee air base, 10,000 miles away from the Netherlands East Indies where they met under the shadow of the on-rushing Japs. Mrs. Zubko is the daughter of a Dutch rubber planter who was on Sumatra when she and her mother were forced to evacuate in the last DC-3 from Java. Her father's fate is unknown and her mother is living in Australia. The Kearny pilot's bride was born in Java and educated in The Netherlands.

Born in Connecticut, Maj. Zubko's family moved here when he was a child. He was graduated from Kearny High School, where he and his brother, Lt. Leonard M. Zubko, 25, now in China, starred on the swimming team. He worked two years at the Westinghouse Corp., Newark, and attended Casey Jones School of Aeronautics at night.

In 1938 he enlisted in the Air Force at Mitchel Field, L. I. While

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B29 Instructor



MAJOR BORIS ZUBKO

an enlisted man he was qualified as a gunner, armorer and observer. In 1939 he was assigned to Kelly Field, Tex. He was commissioned a second lieutenant there June 20, 1940. He has since qualified as four engine pilot, navigator and bombardier. Before assignment to B-29's he was commanding officer of the Fifth Bomb Squadron at Dyersburg Army Air Base, Tenn.

Maj. Zubko, who wears a pearl handled revolver on duty since his days in Texas, "believes war is a bloody, unpleasant business which must be fought against the Japanese without compunction for the ordinary sense of justice," according to the campaigner.

"When you fight an enemy as ruthless as the Japs," he declared, "it is like a rope with two ends, either you get him or he frets you with no time lost. The only solute justice is a bullet where will do the most good." He added:

"American people don't know how to hate, but before this war is over they'll have to learn how. The loss of American lives I have was wasted if the people at home don't realize what those men gave up for the protection of our American way of life."