

Bomber Group 2nd Anniversary

Local Man Writes Of Observance

Mrs. Charles R. Croydon of Marion street has received a letter from her husband, Staff Sgt. Croydon, U. S. Army Air Corps, who is stationed in England, in which he enclosed a newspaper clipping telling of the second anniversary observance of his group, the 351st Bombing Group, of the Eighth Army Air force, commanded by Lieut. Col. Robert W. Burns of Ecu, Mississippi.

The group was activated in November, 1942 at Gelger field, Washington, and started operations in the ETO in the spring of 1943. In 229 missions, the 351st has dropped more than 12,900 tons of bombs; the gunners have shot down 303 German fighters; probably destroyed 49 more fighters and damaged 177. The Red Bank man has been overseas in England with this outfit for the last 21 months.

Staff Sgt. Croydon also described a recent visit to London where he saw King Edward and Queen Elizabeth.