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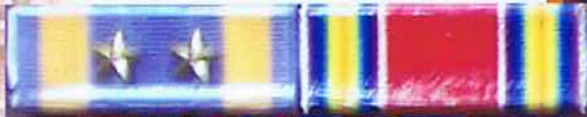
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LITTLE IS RADIOMAN ON HELLDIVER DURING BOMB MISSION OVER TOKYO

Washington, D. C., April 9 (Sp1)— Oliver Little, Jr., aviation radioman third class, U.S.N.R., of Fed. Ky., radioman-gunner in a navy dive bomber, flew on strikes that devastated the Tachikawa engine plant on the outskirts of Tokyo, and leveled a navy depot in Tokyo itself, according to a report just received from the fleet.

Little's plane took off from a big Essex-class carrier and flew through heavy weather and flak to the targets.

"Our fighter cover of Hellcats was just about perfect," Little said. "Jap fighters came at us, but the

Hellcats helped us drive them off. We didn't lose a single Helldiver to Jap fighters, although one was shot down by ack-ack."

Little strafed the targets after his plane came out of its dives, and he took pictures of the destruction. "We really pasted those Nips," he said.

A son of Mrs. Oliver Little, of Fed. Little is 20 years old. Before entering the navy, he attended Morehead State Teachers College, Morehead, Ky. His air group is known as "Crommell's Thunderbirds" for its commanding officer, Commander Charles L. Crommell.

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