

U. S. HERO ESCAPED FROM NAZIS 5 TIMES

**Capt. Richard M. Rossbach,
Twice Decorated, Has Been
Freed at Last by Russians**

Capt. Richard M. Rossbach, who escaped from German prison camps five times only to be recaptured each time, and who received the Bronze Star for attacking a German patrol unarmed and thereby diverting its attention so that a fellow officer could escape, has been liberated from a German prison camp by the Russian advance in the east, it was learned yesterday by his family. He also won the Silver Star for having single-handedly captured six of the enemy in May, 1943, during the North African campaign.

The husband of Susan Goodman Rossbach of 820 Fifth Avenue and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max J. H. Rossbach of the Ritz Tower and Thirlsmere, White Plains, Captain Rossbach is also a nephew of former Governor Herbert H. Lehman and a cousin of Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury.

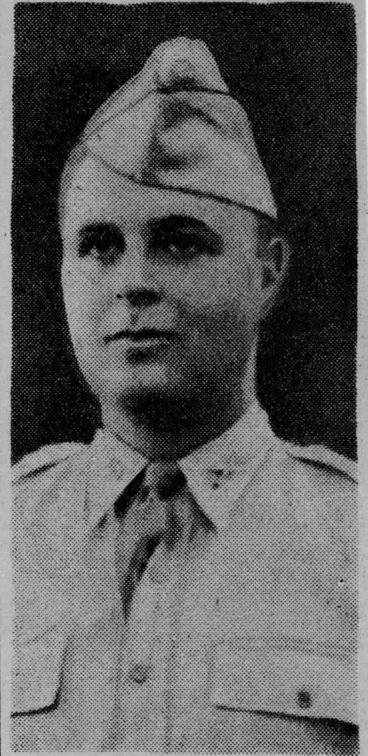
Captain Rossbach was graduated from Hotchkiss in 1932 and from Yale in 1936, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. In 1940 he volunteered for active duty and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the armored forces being stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Knox, Ky.

He was promoted to the rank of captain in 1942 and took part in the North African campaign, serving under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. It was for heroism in this campaign that the Silver Star was awarded to him.

While taking part in an amphibious operation on the northern coast of Sicily in August, 1943, Captain Rossbach was captured by the Germans. He was taken to the Italian mainland and escaped five times from various camps only to be recaptured every time. During one of these escapes he was seized by an enemy patrol. However, he made it possible for a fellow officer to escape and thus won the Bronze Star. The citation read that "taking advantage of an opportune moment, Captain Rossbach, though unarmed, attacked the patrol, diverting its attention, thus permitting his companion to escape."

Captain Rossbach was then taken to Oflag 64, an officers' internment camp in the Polish Corridor. His liberation coincided with a notice from the War Department received by his wife in January, asking her to receive the Bronze Star in her husband's behalf.

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