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Served in Rhineland Central Europe RAF Flying
Control

Harold Dale Mieure served in the National Guard in Lawrenceville as 1st cook in Co. L and was transferred to Camp Forrest at Tullahoma, TN in March of 1941. After Pearl Harbor Day, Harold was sent to Mobile, AL to guard the docks. He then went to Luke AFB in Arizona to train as a physical training instructor. His group went on the ship Louis Pasteur to Liverpool, England and traveled by train to Chorley, England. The group completed a course at Watchfield RAF Base and Harold was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Harold was then sent to Membury Air Base working 24 hour shifts sleeping in the towers. After three months at Membury, he went to Thruston where there were C-47's and he was glad to fly with these pilots who brought supplies and transported

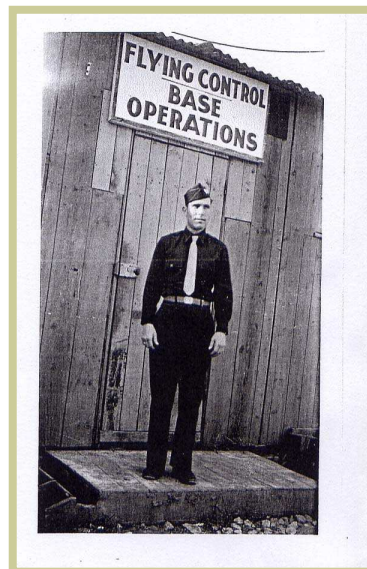
the wounded. Bases were very close together, so take-offs and landings and especially towing gliders, had to be carefully monitored.

On D-Day 90 planes, laden with paratroopers, were sent out and all returned safely. As the war progressed in Europe, the engineers built landing strips to bring supplies and pick up wounded. Because the airstrips were so close together, several accidents occurred.

As General Patton was moving through France and into Germany, the planes were hauling gasoline and returning with wounded. Sometimes these planes landed on the autobahn highways. Harold was on the tank carrier at this time and was able to see much of England and Eastern Europe. During the Battle of the Bulge, 15 planes came to the base to pick up electronic gear. The base was busy with 1700 men, a P-47 fighter depot and maintenance, a detachment for handling wounded, and a re-supply unit. His troop carrier unit left Membury and flew to Meulm, France where they supplied Patton until V-E Day on May 8, 1945.

Harold was then sent to Chartres, France for duty as an air traffic controller where he was promoted to Captain and then appointed to head up base security for Frankfurt which hauled mil-

itary personnel all over Europe. Several weeks later, he was sent to England to join the troops to "ship out" and boarded the Queen Mary with 15,000 other troops arriving in New York City. He was discharged from Camp Grant, IL and relieve of active duty on December 21,



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Harold's identical twin, Gerald [**Mieure**], was serving as 1st Cook in Co. L with Harold when the war started and the brothers were deployed together. They were never more than 10-15 miles apart from each other in Europe while working as air traffic controllers.

Harold received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon w/2 Bronze Battle Stars, 5 OS Service Bars, ASR Score (2 Sept 45), and 105 Lapel button.

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