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JUNIOR BURCHAM LEAVES FOR INDIA

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LOCAL BOY HAS BEEN IN STATES
AFTER PACIFIC SERVICE



T-Sgt. Marion Burcham, Jr., left Nashville, Tenn., March 6 for a port of embarkation, on his way to India.

Sgt. Burcham has already served 18 months in New Guinea flying 53 missions as a radio-gunner on a B-24 and B-25 bombers. In June 1944 he contracted Malaria and was sent home arriving in the states November 6, 1944. He has the air medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Since being home he has spent nine days in the redistribution station at Miami Beach, Florida; three weeks at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., and four weeks in Reno, Nevada. In Reno he went to an advanced radio school studying new radio sets, engineering and navigation. As he is no longer able for combat duty he was transferred to the air Transport Command. His new duties will be ferrying troops and supplies.

Before reporting to Nashville he was given a ten day furlough which he spent in Newton with his wife Mrs. Reah Burcham.