Discharged Pilot of Bomber
Resumes Studies at College
Capt. Ralph L. Minker, Jr., Veteran of 38 Missions,
Takes Up Interrupted Studies at Dickinson; Several
More Officers, Enlisted Men Released

Capt. Ralph L. Minker, Jr., who went on terminal leave at the
separation center of the Greensboro, N. C., Army Air Base on Monday,
arrived at the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph L. Minker on
Ferris Road, early Tuesday morning, and by 12:45 o'clock of the same day
was en route to Carlisle, Pa., to take up his pre-war studies interrupted
by World War II.

The former pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress named the Blue Hen's Chick is among the officers and
enlisted personnel announced as released from the armed forces
today.

38 Combat Missions

Captain Minker made 38 combat missions over Nazi Europe before
the war ended. He did not receive a scratch in all his experience. He
went overseas last October, serving with the 447th Bomb Group of the
Third Bombardment Division of the Eighth Air Force. His plane was
named in honor of the famous Delaware regiment of the Revolu-
tionary War. His plane was sent home ahead of him. He returned
home in September aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

To feel the warmth of a wanderer,
returning from scenes of struggle,
agony and death to the still cloistered
calls of youth and peace. .......

And in the end, through the
long ages of our quest for light,
it will be found that truth is
still mightier than the sword.
For out of the welter of human carnage
and human sorrow and human woe,
the indestructible thing that will
always live is a sound idea.

General MacArthur