

**Lt. Kenneth Kessler
Gets Air Medal, Five
Oak Leaf Clusters**

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Second Lieutenant Kenneth K. Kessler, now a combat fighter-bomber pilot of the Ninth Army Air Force at an advanced P-47 Thunderbolt Air Base in France, has won the Air Medal and five oak leaf clusters for meritorious service over Germany.

For the past four months, Lt. Kessler has been flying armed reconnaissance on the Seventh Army front, with the 50th Fighter Group, which has been blowing up supply and ammunition dumps, destroying tanks and trains, cutting vital railroad lines and otherwise helping in the aerial offensive against Germany.

Second Lieut. Kessler, whose wife and two daughters reside at R. D. 3, Easton, is in the Army Air Corps for two years and received his commission in February, 1944, at Craig Field, Selma, Ala. Before joining the Army Air Corps he was employed by the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company.