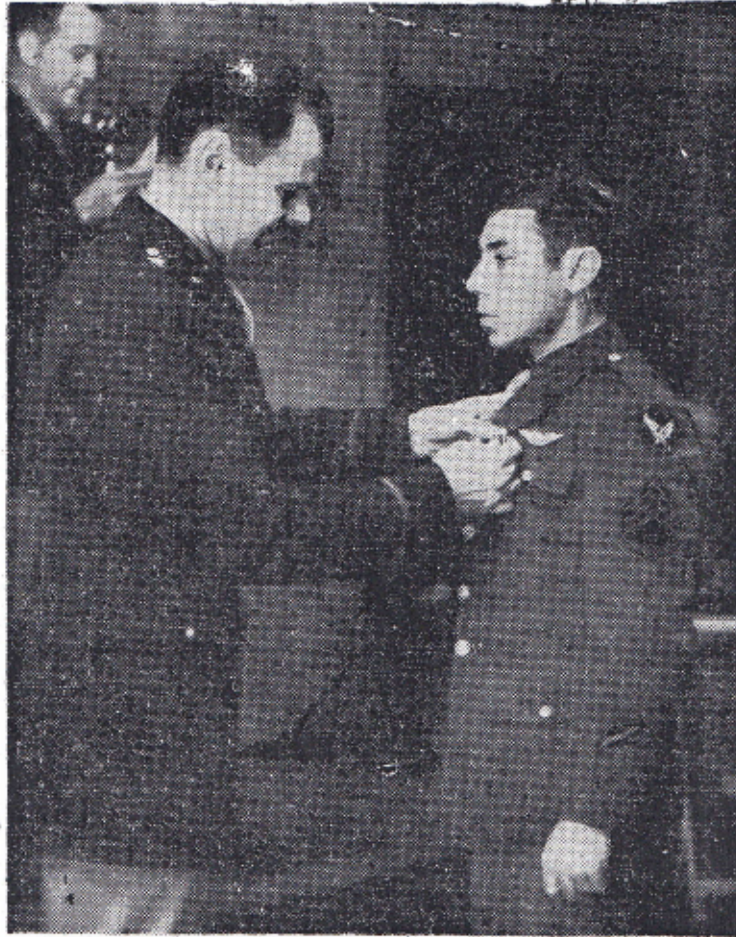


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Bravery Gets Him Flying Cross 1944



AT U. S. EIGHTH AAF BOMBER COMMAND LIBERATOR STATION, SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.—Staff Sergeant Herman Seigfeldt, of Bethlehem, Pa., is presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross by Brig. Gen. Leon W. Johnson. Sergeant Seigfeldt was awarded the DFC for "extraordinary achievement while participating in operations against the Ploesti oil refineries of Rumania on August 1, 1943. During this extremely important attack made upon enemy oil refineries, Sergeant Seigfeldt participated in the longest flight ever undertaken by so large a number of B-24 type aircraft. The mission was rendered doubly hazardous by the fact that the attack was made at minimum altitude and the target area was very strongly defended by both anti-aircraft and machine gun installations and num-

erous fighter aircraft. Yet so exemplary was the flying skill and valiant determination of this man that the operation was crowned with high success. His achievement was a tribute to the forces in which he serves," reads the citation.

General Johnson, who commanded the group of Liberators at the time of the Ploesti operation, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (the highest military award given by the United States) for his part in the raid.

In addition to the DFC, Sergeant Seigfeldt, a former steel worker, who is a waist gunner and has participated in such well known attacks as those on Bremen and Munster, has also been awarded the air medal and two oak leaf clusters.

Staff Sergeant Seigfeldt's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seigfeldt, 515 Alaska Street, Bethlehem.

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