Lt. Col. Brubaker Gets Bronze Star For War Action

Award of the bronze star medal during ceremonies held at Basser-man Polo field, Fort Bliss, Tex., was made recently to Lieutenant Colonel John H. Brubaker, husband of Mrs. Grace E. Brubaker of 1321 Liberty

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Presentation ceremonies were conducted by Brigadier General William Hesketh, commanding general of the Anti-Aircraft Replacement center at Fort Bliss. The award was made for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from July 26, 1944 to August 17, 1944 in Italy. Last year, Lt. Col. Brubaker received the legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious performance on duty in the North African theater of operations.

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While he was in Bethlehem, in 1940, Lieutenant-Colonel Brubaker was acting executive officer of Bethlehem's Battery S 213th Regiment, Coast Artillery (Anti-Aaircraft) and in 1941 was assigned to the Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Later, he returned to Battery C as executive officer and in February 1942 attive officer and in February 1942 attained his present rank.

Prior to the invasion of Sicily, Colonel Brubaker was in command of the sole American unit stationed

on the island of Malta for defense against Axis bombardment.