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## Lieut. W. A. Buchecker, This City, and Sgt. Alfred Sevi, Nazareth, Get Awards

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Two Northampton County men, 1st Lt. William A. Buchecker, 1033 North Main Street, this city, and Staff Sgt. Alfred S. Sevi, Nazareth, have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" in their respective duties.

Serving as navigator on a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, Lt. Buchecker has participated in 30 bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied territory. Many of these were accomplished in the face of enemy attacking planes.

Lt. Buchecker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Buchecker. Before entering the service on May 6, 1941, he worked as a salesman for the Atlantic Refining Co. He is a former student of Liberty High School and Bethlehem Business College. Receiving his combat training at Wendover Field, Utah, Lt. Buchecker was assigned to overseas duty in March, 1944.

Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross just awarded, Lt. Buchecker wears the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

### SEVI WAIST GUNNER

Sgt. Sevi is waist gunner on the Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress "Patty Jo." In addition to his DFC, he has the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

His group is a unit of the 3rd Bombardment Division, cited by the President for its shuttle mission to Africa when Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg were bombed.

Sgt. Sevi has flown in attacks on military targets in Berlin twice, on aircraft plants at Brunswick, Friedrichshaven and Posen, on a chemical plant at Ludwigshaven and oil refineries at Magdeburg and Merseburg.

"Posen was my toughest mission," he said. "We got hit hard by fighters that afternoon and we had a pretty rough battle with them."

Sgt. Sevi is the son of Mrs. Gina Sevi of RFD 3, Nazareth, and his wife is Mrs. Margaret Sevi of RFD 3, Bangor, Me. He was a layout man and inspector with the Bethlehem Steel Company in Bethlehem before he entered the AAF in December, 1942.

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