

Kilpatrick, Robert J.

## S-Sgt. Kilpatrick Gets Award For Combat Missions

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AN EIGHTH FORCE BOMBER STATION, ENGLAND—Staff Sergeant Robert J. Kilpatrick, radio operator-gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 92nd Bombardment Group, 2nd son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Kilpatrick, 827 Hawthorne Road, Bethlehem, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal, according to a recent announcement by the commanding general of the U. S. Eighth Air Force in England.

Sgt. Kilpatrick won the cluster to his Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in a series of combat missions over Nazi Germany. Several of the missions flown by Sgt. Kilpatrick to win his recent award were attacks against railway marshalling yards and bridges in co-ordination with Allied ground troops fighting against the Von Rundstedt salient.

Sgt. Kilpatrick, whose wife, Mrs. Annabelle Kilpatrick, lives at 810 Linden Street, was graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1942, and employed by the Lehigh Valley R. R. before entering the Armed Forces in 1943.

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