

Schippang, Alvin

DFC, Air Medal With Three Oak Leaf Clusters Posthumously Awarded Local Waist-Gunner

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By direction of the President, the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters representing three additional awards of the Air Medal, have been posthumously awarded to Staff Sergeant Alvin Schippang, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Louis Cogorno, 326 Water Street.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded for "extraordinary achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe". He is awarded the Air Medal for "extraordinary achievement while serving as a waist-gunner on a B-17 in combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe December 20, 1942." The three Oak Leaf Clusters have been awarded for "exceptionally meritorious service while participating in 10 separate bomber combat missions and for destruction of an enemy airplane while serving as a crewman on a bomber".

Staff Sergeant Alvin Schippang was officially declared dead by the War Department in April, 1944, a year after his plane failed to return after completing a bombing mission over Bremen, Germany. He enlisted in the Air Corps January 15, 1942 while employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. He was sent overseas to England in July, 1942. A step-brother, Walter Cogorno, is serving with the Infantry in Italy at present.

Hero Honored



STAFF SERGT. SCHIPPANG

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