

Apgar, Victor C Jr.

Six Decorations



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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Staff Sergeant Victor C. Apgar, Jr., 27-year-old B-17 Flying Fortress waist gunner, above, whose wife, Mrs. Verna M. Apgar, lives at 712 Fourth Street, Bethlehem, has capped close to six months of combat duty with the Eighth Air Force in bombing attacks on last remaining Nazi bastions.

Braving savage German flak and fighter opposition a number of times to carry out assignments against vital German installations stretching from the Rhine to Berlin, Sgt. Apgar has been decorated six times—with the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters—for courage and high achievement in battle. He has flown over most principal cities of the Reich to help hammer key rail centers, factories, oil refineries and military positions.

Sgt. Apgar serves with the veteran 390th Bombardment group, which has been cited by the President for skill and daring in battle, and which holds a war record for the destruction of enemy aircraft by a lone group in a single engagement, having shot down 63 German fighters over Munster, Germany, on Oct. 10, 1943. The group shares in another Presidential award for aiding in the Third Air Division's epic shuttle attack on aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

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