

Goth, Edward

Local Soldier At Mustang Base Reviewed by Eisenhower, Spaatz

MAY 3 1944
AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE
FIGHTER STATION, England—
General Dwight D. Eisenhower re-
cently visited this P-51 Mustang
base, on which T-Sgt. Edward Goth,
of 623 Fourth Avenue, Bethlehem
is stationed, and told personnel that
they would be called upon to keep
the planes flying from dawn to dusk
during the invasion.

General Eisenhower, the Supreme
Invasion Commander, spent several
hours on the base inspecting equip-
ment and chatting with officers and
men. He pinned Distinguished
Service Crosses on Col. Donald J. M.

Blakeslee, 26, of Fairport Harbor,
Ohio, the commanding officer of the
base, and Capt. Don S. Gentile, 23,
of Piqua, Ohio, who has destroyed
23 enemy aircraft aloft and seven
aground.

General Eisenhower was accom-
panied by Lieut.-Gen. Carl Spaatz,
Lieut.-Gen. James Doolittle, Maj.-
Gen. William E. Kepner (VIII
Fighter Command chief) and Brig.-
Gen. Jesse Auten.

Col. Blakeslee's Mustang group is
presently credited with the destruc-
tion of more enemy aircraft than
any other fighter group in the
European Theatre of Operations.

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