

Montgomery, Robert P.

Air Ace



An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England — The distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded Col. Robert P. Montgomery, P-51 Mustang commander from Bethlehem, who recently led his 20th Fighter Group to its biggest combat victory to climax its 300th mission over enemy territory.

The bemedaled Bethlehem flier, whose group destroyed 48 Nazi aircraft in combined air and strafing attacks near Berlin, shot up two planes on the ground to become an ace during the operation. He is now credited with six enemy aircraft destroyed.

Col. Montgomery, who has flown both P-38 Lightnings and Mustangs in combat, also wears the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart, in addition to the air medal and seven clusters, for outstanding valor and achievement.

He is the 28-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Montgomery, of 1953 Eaton Ave., Bethlehem.

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