

Gawlik, Adam T.

Gets War Honors As Wedding Gift



Home for 60 days after his liberation from a German prison camp, Technical Sergeant Adam T. Gawlik, of the Army Air Forces, this morning took the former Marie J. Casciano as his bride. As the newlyweds came out of the church, amid the flying confetti Major P. M. Beauregard, executive officer of the Reading Army Air Field, presented the bridegroom with the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for his exceptional heroism. Above Mrs. Gwalik expresses her happiness as the medals are pinned on her husband's blouse.

Gets DFC, Clustered Air Medal As He Leads Bride From Altar

Presentation of high honors to the bridegroom by the United States Army was the culmination of the wedding of Miss Marie J. Casciano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Casciano, 1311 West Broad Street, and T/Sgt. Adam T. Gawlik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gawlik, 1312 East Sixth Street, which took place this morning at 9:30 o'clock at a nuptial mass in St. John Capistrano's Church.

On the steps of the church after the wedding, Major P. M. Beauregard, executive officer of the Reading Army Air Field, presented T/Sgt. Gawlik with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Mr. Casciano gave his daughter in marriage and the Rev. Francis X. Gilly performed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of ivory satin, an ivory tulle veil caught with a halo of orange blossoms and seed pearls, and carried a prayer book with marker of orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Georgene Wiley, her maid of honor, and Miss Bette Rose Casciano, her bridesmaid, were gowned in old rose tissue taffeta and carried bouquets of spring flowers.

Cpl. John Hahula, USMC, was the bridegroom's best man and Sgt. Adolph Yastizebski, USA, was usher.

The Children's Choir of the church sang the "Ave Maria" and "On This Day O Beautiful Mother."

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left on a wedding trip to Miami Beach, Fla. The bride will return to Bethlehem and will reside at 1312 East Sixth Street and the bridegroom will remain at Miami Beach for recuperation at the conclusion of his 60-day furlough.

The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and is secretary to John D. Keleher, delinquent tax collector.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Liberty High School and was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before entering the service on February 6, 1943. He went overseas June 1, 1944, and served with the Eighth Army Air Force in England.

T/Sgt. Gawlik was reported missing in action September 18, 1944, and a prisoner of war on October 4, 1944. He remained a prisoner in Germany for seven months and was liberated April 12, 1945, by the British Armored Division.

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