

Shimer, Benjamin H.

**Nazareth Soldier  
Gets Oak Leaf  
To His Air Medal**

Staff Sergeant Benjamin H. Shimer, U. S. Army Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer, 432 South Main Street, Nazareth, was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster by Lieut. Gen. Millard F. Harman, Commanding United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area on April 29, 1944.

The Oak Leaf Cluster is the third citation awarded to him, as Air Medals had been given him for two previous achievements. The Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat opera-

tional missions of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition is met or during which an area is traversed where enemy anti-aircraft is effective or where enemy fighter patrols are habitually encountered. The missions for which the award was given were with the 13th AAF.

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