Local Airman Receives Oak Leaf Award

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, Eng.—Two Pennsylvania men who are flying with the Eighth Air Force have recently been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to their Air Medals, previously won, and equivalent to another award of the medal, at this B-17 Flying Fortress station.

They are:

Staff Sergeant Carl W. McArthur, 22, of Bethlehem, a ball turret gunner. His wife is Mrs. Elsie McArthur of 609 East Fifth Street, and he had been a toolroom foreman with the Jacobs Aircraft Engine Company at Pottstown before entering the AAF in February, 1944.

Technical Sergeant Aloysius P. Heaney, 27, of East Mauch Chunk, a radio operator and gunner. He is the son of Mrs. Bridget E. Heaney of 432 South Street and has been in the service since July, 1938.

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Their awards were for "meritor-

ious achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi war industries and military targets in cooperation with Allied ground forces.

Both are members of the 388th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its historic shuttle mission to Africa when Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, were bombed.

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