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**Bethlehem Man
Attached To Heroic
P-47 Fighter Unit**

Staff Sergeant William Laster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Laster, 308 East Broad Street, is a member of an Eighth Fighter Command P-47, Thunderbolt group which has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for "exceptional aggressiveness, outstanding performance of duty, and extraordinary heroism in action."

The group commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, Missoula, Mont., since the beginning of combat operations in April 1943, has destroyed approximately 550 German planes in the air, plus 50 or more on the ground. It is the highest scoring Thunderbolt outfit in the European theater of operations.

Sgt. Laster is an inspector in the armament section of his squadron.

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