

Bosich, Frank A.



15TH AAF IN ITALY—S/Sgt. Frank A. Bosich, 28, son of Mrs. Frank Bosich, 1229 Main St., Hellertown, Pa., aerial gunner with a B-24 Liberator group in the 15TH AAF in Italy, has been authorized to wear a Cluster to the Distinguished Unit Badge as a member of a heavy bombardment group which was twice cited by the War Department for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

The group received its second citation for the destruction of railroad yards at Innsbruck, Austria, after fighting the way to the target against the strong fighter opposition. The target was one of the most important links in the enemy transportation system between Munich, Friedrichshafen, the Balkans, and the Bremer Pass into Italy. Its destruction stalled distribution of vital supplies, and forced re-routing of desperately needed reserve troops.

The citation read in part: "The accuracy of their bomb pattern, despite all obstacles, obliterated this nerve center of German communications, and dealt a mortal blow to the enemy's immediate operations." The second youngest group in the Fifteenth Air Force, the unit has been in combat operations less than a year, but in that short time has played an important role in the blasting of strategic targets throughout Southern Europe and the Balkans.

Before arriving overseas, Sergeant Bosich attended gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida. He is a graduate of Hellertown high school, Hellertown, Pa., where he was active in all sports.

Sergeant Bosich was a member of the Bethlehem Civic Theatre, Bethlehem, Pa., and appeared in many of their productions. He was producer and co-director of the musical comedy "Khaki-wackie," that was presented to many groups in Italy.

Before entering the service, Sergeant Bosich was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company, in the maintenance department. His wife, Mrs. Mary P. Bosich, resides at 619 Phillips street, Hellertown.

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