

Jacoby, Russell H, Jr

## G-I Mechanic Commended By General

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—Corporal Russell H. Jacoby, Jr., 22-year-old aircraft mechanic from Bethlehem, Pa., has recently been commended by the commanding general of the Third Air Division for "outstanding performance of duty" while maintaining four B-17 Flying Fortresses.

The Bethlehem mechanic was commended for his connection with the skillful and efficient maintenance of the four Fortresses so that they were able to participate in eighty-eight operational missions with the Eighth Air Force without once having to turn back because of mechanical difficulty. The official citation accompanying the commendation commented on the "loyalty, zeal and attention displayed by Cpl. Jacoby" as reflecting "great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Cpl. Jacoby is a member of the 447th Bomb. Group, which is coordinating most of its bombing attacks with Allied ground offensives in Germany. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division that was cited by the President for the now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing attack on the Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel H.

Jacoby, of 2544 Easton Ave., Bethlehem, Cpl. Jacoby, before entering the Army Air Forces in September, 1945, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

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