

Stoever, William H.

S. Sgt. Wm. Stoever Receives Cluster To Air Medal

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A U. S. TROOP CARRIER
FORCE BASE, European Theater of
Operations—Staff Sgt. William H.
Stoever, son of Milo H. Stoever, 301
East Fourth Street, Bethlehem, has
been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster
to his Air Medal. His wife, Mrs.
Dorothy Stoever and son Richard,
live at 3427 Walnut Street, Phila-
delphia.

The cluster was presented to Sgt.
Stoever for "meritorious achieve-
ment while participating in aerial
flights" as a radio operator on a
U. S. Troop Carrier C47 aircraft.
The citation by Major General Paul
L. Williams, head of the U. S. Troop
Carrier Forces of the First Allied
Airborne Army, praised Sgt. Stoever
for the brilliant performance of his
duties in the re-supply of the Allied
armies driving across Europe and
in the airborne assault on the Ger-
man Army in Holland.

His unit, the 435th Troop Carrier
Group, commanded by Colonel
Frank J. MacNees, holds the Presi-
dential Citation. This award, one
of the highest given for military
achievement, was made to the group
for their "immeasurable contribu-
tion" to the success of the "D-Day"
operations in the initial invasion
of the continent. In addition to
the Normandy and Holland cam-
paigns, they also participated in the
airborne invasion of southern
France.

Sgt. Stoever attended Liberty
High School, Bethlehem, Pa., and
before entering the service in July,
1942, was self-employed as a con-
cessionaire. He is a veteran of more
than thirteen months' overseas duty.

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