

Schlegel, Kermit W.

**Nazareth Soldier
With Thunderbolt Unit**

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Private First Class Kermit W. Schlegel, Nazareth, is currently serving with a First Tactical Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt unit, which celebrated its first Christmas overseas at an advance base in France.

This outfit, bombing and strafing fortifications in the path of the American Seventh Army, provides close air support. It has been honored with a commendation from Brigadier General Gordon P. Saville for destroying six enemy aircraft in spite of a larger enemy force.

In the ten months since the group left the States, Pfc. Schlegel has received the European Theater of Operations ribbon with two battle stars for the Air Offensive of Europe and Normandy campaign.

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