

Kuti, William J.

Veteran of 30 Missions Gets Promotion

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15th AAF IN ITALY—William J. Kuti, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuti, 938 East Morton Street, Bethlehem, was promoted to the grade of staff sergeant in the USAAF. He is a nose gunner with a veteran 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber group in Italy.

The group assisted in wearing down German air strength by striking at such key aircraft production centers as Regensburg, Steyr, Munich, Wiener Neustadt and Vienna. It took an active part in attacks on the enemy's vital oil resources, including the Ploesti Romanian oil fields and refineries, and synthetic oil plants in Germany. It also participated in the pre-invasion hammering of coastal defenses in Southern France, and has carried out innumerable assaults on the Nazis' communications and supply lines in Northern Italy.

A graduate of Liberty High School, Kuti was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company as an electrician prior to his enlistment in November of 1942. He received his flight and gunnery instruction at Harlington, Texas.

Kuti has over 30 separate missions to his credit and has been awarded the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy.

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