

Koon, Nelson F.

F-O Nelson Koon With Twice-Cited Air Fighter Group

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Flight Officer Nelson F. Koon, fighter pilot from this city, is a member of the 56th Fighter Group crack P-47 Thunderbolt outfit which has been awarded a second Distinguished Unit Citation for "outstanding performance of duty".

The award was issued for a dangerous mission prior to the close of the European War. On that occasion, the 56th was given the extremely difficult and dangerous mission of providing direct support to airborne landings in Holland.

Official War Department announcement of the award entitles all personnel to wear an Oak Leaf Cluster on the blue and gold bordered citation ribbon. This is the first fighter group in the 8th Air Force to receive two Distinguished Unit Citations.

F/O Koon received his silver wings upon completing advanced flight training at Victoria, Tex. Prior to entering the service he was a machinist at the Bethlehem Steel Company. His wife, the former Joyce Jenkins, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Koon, reside at 517 Long Street.

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