

Reynolds, Walter E.

## Five Clusters



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—First Lieut. Walter E. Reynolds, 24-year-old B-17 Flying Fortress navigator, above, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Reynolds of 848 Mechanic Street, Bethlehem, capped nearly six months of combat duty with the Eighth Air Force against Nazi Germany recently, when he flew in operations launching the final phase of the Allied air offensive against last remaining Nazi bastions.

Formerly a machinist for the Bethlehem Steel Company, Lt. Reynolds has flown close to 35,000 miles to aid in delivering explosives against key German rail yards, oil refineries, factories and military positions. He won the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for courage and high achievement in action. A number of times the Bethlehem flyer has braved savage enemy flak and fighter opposition to carry out assignments against important targets.

Lt. Reynolds serves with the veteran 390th Bombardment Group, which has been cited by the President for skill and daring in action and which holds a war record for the destruction of enemy fighters by a lone group in a single engagement, having shot down 63 German planes over Munster, Germany, on October 10, 1943. The group shares in another presidential award for aiding in the Third Air Division's epic shuttle attack on aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

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