

Montgomery, Robert P.

## Lt. Colonelcy For Well Known Local Flyer

Word was received this week of the promotion of Robert P. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Montgomery, 1953 Eaton Avenue, to lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Air Forces. He also has been awarded an air medal, according to the same announcement although no details were given. However, it is known that he is seeing action constantly with the U. S. Air Forces and has been mentioned in press dispatches relative to bombing missions so it is reasonable to expect that the Air Medal which is usually given for "meritorious service in aerial flight over enemy territory" was given for this reason.

Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery became an air cadet in November 1939 and has been stationed in England since last August. He received his first flying experience at the Allentown-Bethlehem airport.

Before entering the Army Montgomery was employed by the Lehigh Aircraft Company.

He received his initial Army training at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and qualified for a second lieutenant's commission at Randolph Field, Texas. He became a captain in May, 1942.



**LT. COL. R. P. MONTGOMERY**

During the summer of 1941 he was in England as an observer of fighting tactics. He was promoted to the rank of major in January, 1943.

Prior to leaving for England last August, he had been stationed at an air base in California.

He is a graduate of Lafayette college and of Bethlehem High School.

Lieutenant Colonel Montgomery is a brother of the former Jean M. Montgomery, wife of the late Captain Gordon L. Brandt, also of Bethlehem, who killed in the crash of an Army plane in North Carolina last August.

A brother, Sergeant John L. Montgomery Jr., has been in the Army for two years and is now stationed at Fort George Meade, Md.

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