

Shields Jr., Cornelius P.

**Cornelius P. Shields  
Gets Silver Bar  
At Italian Base**

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**FIFTEENTH AAF IN ITALY—**  
Cornelius P. Shields Jr., 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shields, 1016 Delaware Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa., and husband of Mrs. Frances J. Shields, 114 West Fourth Street, Bethlehem, has been promoted to first lieutenant it was recently announced by the 15th AAF headquarters in Italy. Lieut. Shields is a pilot on an AAF Flying Fortress.

A graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company before entering the Army on February 1, 1943. He received his wings at Columbus Field, Miss., on March 12, 1944, and left for overseas duty on October 14, flying his first mission on November 19, when his Fortress squadron attacked the railroad bridge at Ferrara, Italy.

He has been awarded the Air Medal for "Meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy."

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