

Smale Jr., Gordon E.
Donald F.

First Lieutenant

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Gordon E. Smale Jr., 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Smale 631 George Street, Pen Argyl, has been promoted to First Lieutenant in the European Theatre of Operations. First Lieut. Smale was recently awarded the Air Medal and the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, while serving as bombardier-navigator on a B-24 with the 8th Army Air Force based in England. Overseas since October, 1944, Lt. Smale informed his parents in a cable received in March, that he completed 35 missions over Germany and is expected home on furlough shortly. He entered the service February 18, 1943, and completed basic training at Miami Beach. He received advanced training at Marietta, Ohio; San Antonio, Ellington Field and Harlingen, in Texas, where he was awarded the Aerial Gunner's Silver Wings. He graduated from bombardier school and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant last June. After returning home for a short furlough he was sent to Drew Field, Tampa, where he received pre-combat training. Lieut. Smale has a brother, Donald F. Smale, U. S. N., attending radio school at Sampson, N. Y.

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