

Santee, John C.

Pilot Wins Award



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER STATION, England —An Oak Leaf Cluster to the air medal has been awarded 2nd Lt. John C. Santee, P-51 Mustang pilot, of Bethlehem, for meritorious service in aerial combat over Germany. A member of the 20th Mustang Group commanded by a fellow townsman—Lt. Col. Robert P. Montgomery—the 24-year-old flier recently destroyed a Heinkel III and shared in the destruction of another when his squadron shot up 22 aircraft parked on an airfield near Nurnberg. Lt. Santee, who helped knock out two locomotives, freight cars and other ground targets on the same operation, has been on combat duty in England for the past three months. A former student at Virginia Military Institute, Lt. Santee entered military service in October, 1942, and won his AAF wings a year ago. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Santee, of Route 2, Bethlehem.

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