

Hageter Jr., Fred M.

Lieut. Fred M. Hageter Jr. Gets Seventh Award—DFC Cluster

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An Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross was recently awarded First Lieutenant Fred M. Hageter Jr., 24, for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in numerous bombing attacks on military and industrial targets deep within the Reich and enemy installations in front of the advancing Allied ground troops in Western Europe. The young pilot is a member of an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress group commanded by Lt. Col. George Y. Jumper of California, in the 3rd Bombardment Division which has been cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt airplane factories at Regensburg in August, 1943.

The original award of the DFC was presented to Lt. Hageter four months ago for the part he played in bringing back to England a badly damaged flak ridden Fortress after the entire crew, with the exception of Hageter and the pilot, had "bailed out." The Pennsylvania airman had also been decorated with the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters to that medal.

Lt. Hageter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hageter, 430 West North Street, and is married to the former Miss Beatrice F. Bonser, who lives at 1408 North Center Street. He attended Liberty High



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school and after graduation was employed as a traffic clerk by the Bethlehem Steel Company. His father served in World War I with the Medical Corps at Camp Greenleaf. This is Lt. Hageter's seventh decoration.

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