

Cesare, Carmen S.

## Bangor Flyer Inspects Damage

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Staff Sergeant Carmen S. Cesare, 23, of Bangor, Pa., son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cesare, ball turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress, is shown examining the battle damage received by his plane while on a bombing mission over Nazi Germany. He has completed more than five months of an outstanding combat career as a member of the 34th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Eighth Air Force and has participated in more than 30 bombing attacks on military and industrial targets in Germany and Nazi occupied Europe. The Pennsylvania airman has taken part in a variety of aerial assaults, on such objectives as rail-road yards, fighter bases, synthetic oil refineries and front line strong-points inside enemy territory. His Flying Fortress has been a frequent visitor to such well known centers of industrial importance as Mersburg, Hanover, Berlin, Leipzig, Hamburg, Misburg, Frankfurt and Chemnitz. Sgt. Cesare holds the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement, coolness, courage and skill" during aerial combat activity and wears battle stars for the European Air Offensive, the Western Europe Campaign and the Northern France Campaign. He is a graduate of Pen Argyl High School, Pen Argyl, Pa., and is a member of the 34th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

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