

Chayka, William J.

Given Award



LT. WILLIAM J. CHAYKA

Wm. Chayka Receives DFC For Service

First Lt. William J. Chayka, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chayka, 1125 East Third Street, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving as a Flying Fortress bombardier in the 401st Bombardment Group.

The citation accompanying the award reads: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in a number of combat bombardment missions over Germany and German occupied countries from July 8, 1944 to September 22, 1944. The courage, coolness and skill shown by Lt. Chayka on all these occasions reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Lt. Chayka was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters while serving at a bomber base somewhere in England in September, 1944.

A former Liberty High and Moravian Preparatory School student, he was outstanding in athletics at both schools. He was a member of the American Legion, American and Bethlehem Boys' Club baseball teams, and served as player-coach of the American Boys' Club basketball team. In civilian life he was employed as a recorder.

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