

Northampton, Quakertown Sergeants Decorated By War Department

In recognition of outstanding achievement and heroism in the South Pacific, Sergeant Michael Bolesky, 21-year-old son of Mrs. John Pawlesa, 149 West Seventeenth Street, Northampton, has been awarded the bronze oak leaf cluster to the Air Medal previously won by him.

The announcement was made yesterday by the War Department in releasing the list of officers and enlisted men of the 13th Air Force who were decorated.

Bolesky is a four-year veteran of the Army, having enlisted shortly after his graduation from Northampton High School. During a 2½-year hitch in Hawaii he became a specialist in repairing guns at Hickam Field, where he also received training as an aerial gunner and bombardier.

Also decorated was Flight Officer Richard Schaffner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schaffner, of Quakertown. The Quakertown staff sergeant who earned his silver wings last year at Randolph Field, Texas, also received the bronze oak leaf cluster to wear with his Air Medal.