

Sandercock, Donald M.

## Wins Air Medal



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Second Lieutenant Donald M. Sandercock, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sandercock of Wind Gap, who is serving here with the veteran 306th Bombardment Group as a pilot, has been awarded the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" it was recently announced by his commanding officer, Col. James S. Sutton of Findlay, Ohio. As the pilot of a Flying Fortress, the duties of Lieutenant Sandercock are not only to fly the giant bomber but to keep in constant touch by interphone with his nine man crew, ready to give orders and make decisions instantly. Nine lives and a \$250,000 airplane depend on his judgment and flying ability.

The efforts of men like Lieutenant Sandercock recently received official recognition when the First Bombardment Division, of which his group is a part, was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism" displayed in carrying out the highly successful attack on the enemy aircraft plants at Oschersleben and Halberstadt, Germany, despite extremely heavy fighter opposition. Prior to his entry into the Army Air Forces, Sandercock was a student at Penn State College.

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