

Carcione, Anthony R.

**Lt. Carcione
Downs Nazi
Messerschmitt**

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Lieut. Anthony R. Carcione, Bethlehem, is credited with destroying another Messerschmitt in air action over Europe, according to an Associated Press dispatch from England.

The Nazi plane was destroyed during an air battle at Muenster, Germany, with the Bethlehem man piloting a Thunderbolt fighter covering an attack by Flying Fortresses.

During the raid on the city, the Flying Fortress "Eight Ball" was knocked out of formation when its aileron controls were shot away, but the plane came home with flying colors.

The pilot, Lieutenant William Cabral, Spokane, Wash., said his bombardier, Lieutenant Dean Ferris, Wilkinsburg, Pa., extinguished a fire on the right wing with his bare hands, and that tailgunner, Sergeant Thomas Griffe, Six Miles Run, Pa., got two twin-engined Messerschmitts from the great swarm that made the attack.

The Bethlehem flier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Carcione, of 1917 Huntington Street, had previously been credited with downing an enemy plane. According to letters he has written home, he has shot down several others, but because of the Army regulations concerning official confirmation, they have been classed as "probables."

Based in England since last January, the flier will complete two years of Army service on Nov. 1. He is 24 years old and is a graduate of Lehigh University, 1941, where he was a varsity wrestler and sports editor of the student newspaper, Brown and White.

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