

Smith, Alger A.

**Air Medal, 9 Clusters
For Allentown Sergeant**

Technical Sergeant Alger A. Smith, 22, of Allentown, a U. S. Army Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress waist gunner, has completed his 50th combat mission in the Mediterranean theater and has been awarded the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters.

Sergeant Smith took part in his first raid over Terranova, Sardinia, May 24, and his 50th over Athens, Nov. 20. He enlisted Jan. 12, 1942, and received his gunner's wings Sept. 14, 1942, at Las Vegas, Nev. He qualified as an aerial engineer at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, and received advanced training at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

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