Hellertown Flier In 66 Missions



Captain Lee D. Eisenhart, 26, third from left, of Hellertown, Pa., a squadron flight leader in an Eighth AAF Fighter Command P-51 Mustang Group in England, feels justified in boasting that he has one of the finest airplane crews in the European theater of operations. Since the "Bonney Bea" entered the combat scene, she has roared through 66 consecutive missions for a total of 263 combat hours without a single mechanical failure. Captain Eisenhart's crew includes: Corporal Gary Weinhold, left, of Los Angeles, Calif., assistant crew chief; Staff Sergeant Arlan E. Mitchell, second from left, of Okemah, Okla., crew chief, and Corporal Richard Lewey, right, of East Springfield, Mass., armorer. "These men have been crewing for me more than a year," Captain Eisenhart said recently, "and that probably accounts for their excellent teamwork. If men can stay together long enough to get to know each other thoroughly, they will always work better." Captain Eisenhart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Z. Eisenhart of Hellertown.