

Hock, Frank

## Sgt. Frank Hock, Missing in Action, Gets Air Medal Cluster

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Today another Bethlehem flier is reported missing in action over Germany. Sgt. Frank Hock, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hock of Bethlehem Route 4, was among the missing combat fliers lost in a raid over Germany April 8, according to a wire received by his parents recently.

The young flier, aged 22, had been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal by Col. John H. Gibson, commanding officer of the veteran Liberator group of which he was a part.

According to the citation, the award was presented for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in bomber combat missions over Europe. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by this man reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States." He has also taken part in missions over Gotha, Erkner and Berlin.

Sgt. Hock, formerly a student of Hellertown High School and a Bethlehem Steel employe, was inducted in the armed forces July 1942. He shipped overseas Sept. 1943. His brother, Pfc. Edward Hock,



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is with the armed forces somewhere overseas.

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