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Lieut. Smale Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

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AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England.—Veteran of more than thirty of the Eighth Air Force's large scale bombing attacks on vital military and industrial targets in Nazi Germany, First Lieutenant Gordon E. Smale, Jr., 20, of Pen Argyl, Pa., bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement."

Lt. Smale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Smale, Sr., 631 George Street, Pen Argyl. Prior to joining the AAF in February, 1943, he was employed by the Lehigh and New England Railroad.

The airman has participated in heavy bombardment missions over targets at such places as Berlin, Merseburg, Frankfurt, Bremen and Hanover in Germany. Recalling his



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