

Albert, Vernon P.

## Two Bethlehem Aviators Given Air Medals for Daring Flights

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**FIFTEENTH AAF IN ITALY**—Second Lieutenant Vernon P. Albert, 24, whose wife, Catherine, resides at 910 Ostrom Street, Bethlehem, Pa., has been awarded the Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement in aerial combat at a 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator bomber group in Southern Italy. Col. S. E. Manzo made the presentation.

The Bethlehem aviator now has six missions chalked up to his credit, piloting his aircraft to attack the currently most important Axis targets in southern Germany in conjunction with the present Russian drives in German Silesia. He flew his first mission last December, when he participated in a 15th Air Force attack on oil refineries at Florisdorf, Austria, and his most recent was a bombing attack on enemy communication lines in north Italy.

Following graduation from Moravian College at Bethlehem, Lt. Albert enlisted into the armed forces in August, 1942. He completed his pilot training at George Field, Ill., winning his wings and commission last March.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Albert, live at R. D. 4, Bethlehem, Pa.

Lt. Albert is authorized to wear the European-African-Middle East Theater ribbon with one campaign star.

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**AT A TWELFTH AAF B-25 BASE**  
—The Air Medal, recognition for

meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy, has been awarded to Corporal Carroll G. Appleman of Bethlehem, Pa. He is serving as a radio gunner with a veteran B-25 Mitchell Bomber Group on Corsica.

The Pennsylvania non-commissioned officer received this distinguished award for his outstanding work on the mission to destroy the Ala Transformer Station in northern Italy. This power station supplied power for transportation through the Brenner Pass.

Having been awarded the War Department's unit citation for outstanding service in battle, the veteran Mitchell unit to which Corporal Appleman is assigned, holds an Air Force bombing record for accuracy. The B-25's have averaged better than nine out of every ten bombs dropped in the target area during the past three months of sustained combat operations.

After graduating from high school in his home town, Cpl. Appleman enrolled at Pennsylvania State College in State College, Pa., where he was majoring in electrical engineering. Entering the Army in September of 1942 and receiving his training at Sioux Falls, S. D., and Yuma, Ariz., the bomber gunner has been serving overseas since October of 1944.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Appleman, reside at 933 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa.

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