Gets Leaf To Medal For Part Taken In Pre-Invasion Work

A NINTH AIR FORCE BOMBEF BASE, ETO—The award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Technical Sergeant Maurice P. Long, 514 West Third Street, Bethlehem, Pa., "for meritorious achievement while participating in pre-invasion missions with Ninth Air Force bombers," has recently been announced by headquarters of the medium bomber group to which the is attached.

the is attached. Technical Sergeant Long is a radio-operator-gunner with Colonel Thomas B. Hall's B-26 medium bomber group which has compiled an impressive record in operations designed to soften enemy strong points for the Allied invasion of the continent. The group has been commended for its bombing accuracy against targets in France, Belgium and Holland, and for its operations in support of Allied ground forces.

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