

*Fincher, William W.*

## **Wm. W. Fincher, Bomber Pilot, Made Captain**

A NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER-BOMBER BASE, GERMANY: William W. Fincher, 29, P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bomber pilot, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Captain Fincher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Fincher, 744 High Street.

As a member of the 366th Fighter Group, the "Hun Hunters" of the Ninth Air Force, now based in Germany, Captain Fincher flew more than 40 dive-bombing and strafing missions over Belgium and Germany in co-ordinated attacks with the ground forces on German troops and transport. He also served in Hawaii, New Caledonia, and the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Captain Fincher's group, one of the first in the Ninth Air Force to be cited for its effective smashes at the German military machine, has flown 1245 missions against the enemy.

The captain, who has been awarded the Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters for combat flight over Europe, was commissioned January 4, 1943. He began his present tour of duty in the European Theater of Operations December 1, 1944.

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