

Bertolet, John H.

## Major Bertolet AAB Service, Supply Head

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ATC AIR BASE, TRIPOLI—Major John H. Bertolet, 631 South Bergen Street, Bethlehem, is Director of Services and Supply at the new and luxurious Mellaha Air Base, key base in the air transport command's gigantic North African division, the airline which is moving a total war half way around the globe. Mellaha Air Base, under the command of Colonel Theron B. Herndon, is located a 10-minute drive outside the colorful city of Tripoli, where one can still see many old Roman buildings and signs of Roman culture.

As Director of Services and Supply, Major Bertolet is playing a vital role in supplying troops with adequate equipment and essential war material with which to maintain Mellaha AAB in superior fashion. The North African Division, under the command of Brig. Gen. James S. Stowell, is charged with the task of moving more than 600,000 veterans Stateside by air in a year, in addition to its normal operations of flying millions of pounds of vital cargo and passengers over its principal routes of 25,000 miles.

Major Bertolet has been overseas almost a year; before his current assignment at Tripoli, he was with North African Division Headquarters at Casablanca. He has visited Cairo, Benghasi, Casablanca, and other major cities in the Mediterranean sector.

Before coming overseas, Major Bertolet commanded Reading Air Base, Pa., Sarasota AAB, Fla., Columbia AAB, S. C., and Walterboro AAB, S. C.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bertolet, and two daughters, Patricia R. and Gloria Elizabeth, live at the South Bergen Street address. He attended Toronto Tech. Toronto.

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