

Villaggio, Carl P.

### Gets Flying Cross



A Bethlehem man who only recently won his staff sergeant's rating, Carl P. Del Villaggio, is now the proud holder of one of the war's most cherished decorations for gallant conduct, the Distinguished Flying Cross. Word that he had been awarded the medal was received here a few days ago by his sister, Mrs. Lena Talijan, 639 Atlantic Street, with whom he lived when in Bethlehem. The letter was signed by Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied air forces in the South Pacific. Sgt. Del Villaggio was cited by his general for heroism in flight and exceptional and outstanding accomplishment in the face of great danger. The sergeant is a crew chief on a troop transport. He has been in the service about a year and won three advancements on his merits. Sgt. Del Villaggio has taken part in more than 50 missions, dropping supplies and transporting troops over territory constantly patrolled by enemy fighter aircraft. Often landings were made on fields only a few miles from Jap bases. These operations aided considerably in the recent successes in these theatres.

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