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Col. Tweedy Wins New Decoration

Col. James F. Tweedy, former member of The Light editorial department staff, has been presented the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star by Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the Seventh army.

The presentation took place October 13 in France, where Colonel Tweedy is executive officer of the Seventh army quartermaster section. He went overseas as executive officer with the Western task force.

His wife, Mrs. Leone Tweedy, resides at Route 2, Box 144B.

Pvt. Leopold T. Miera, 2611 Durango street, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received



PVT. L. T. MIERA
Awarded Purple Heart.

in action in Normandy two weeks after the invasion started. He is now a patient in Torney General hospital, Palm Springs, Calif.

Technical Sgt. Andrew J. Hart, son of Mrs. Herman Hart, 206 East Harding boulevard, has been awarded the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for participation in the invasion of Southern France as a crew member of a troop carrier plane.

Hart is a veteran of two years service with a troop carrier squadron of the Mediterranean Allied air forces. He has taken part in invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy as well as of France.

Lieut. Col. Robert W. Burns, whose wife, Mrs. Rachel N. Burns, resides at 1421 Hicks avenue, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while leader of a



LIEUT. COL. R. W. BURNS
Wins Distinguished Flying Cross

Flying Fortress wing of the Eighth Air force that bombed the airplane engine factory at Genshagen, near Berlin, August 6.

The wing led by Colonel Burns encountered intense flak on the bombing run and over the target and more than 30 German fighter

planes flew through their own flak to attack the forts.

Despite this severe opposition, Colonel Burns led the wing through

the bombing run with such success that the target was blanketed with devastating effect.

Colonel Burns also holds the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters.

Three army air forces heroes, all of whom are missing in action, were honored at a retreat ceremony at the San Antonio Air Service command, Kelly field, when decorations awarded them were presented to relatives by Lieut. Col. R. W. Koelle.

Capt. Louis J. Connelly Jr., 33, missing in action over New Guinea, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action over the Gulf of Huon, New Guinea, as a photographic and reconnaissance plane pilot May 1, 1942. The decoration was presented to his wife, Mrs. Aislee Connelly, 1607 North Hackberry street.

Lieut. John E. Caldwell Jr., 26, missing over Cologne, Germany, was awarded the Air Medal for combat missions over Europe as bombardier on a Flying Fortress. The medal was presented to his father, J. E. Caldwell, 117 Sandoval street.

Tech. Sgt. Patrick B. Fitzpatrick, missing in the Hawaiian theater, was awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters. The decoration was presented to his mother, Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick of Pleasanton.

Cpl. Ernest W. Merton, son of Mrs. H. E. Satterfield, 1605 Avenue B, has been awarded the Bronze



CPL. ERNEST W. MERTON
Awarded Bronze Star.

Star for heroic achievement in Italy September 9 and 10, 1943.

Corporal Merton, who is now in France was a personnel clerk in Italy at that time. The citation states:

"He accompanied the assault waves of his unit during the landing and establishment of the beachhead in the invasion of Italy. Acting as a rifleman, he was called upon by a general officer to guide him in locating and directing the operations on the beach. Two enemy snipers opened fire on the general, whereupon Corporal Merton and a comrade attacked the enemy position and took them prisoner. He then continued his duties and was of invaluable assistance to the general in executing the operation."

Corporal Merton is a 1940 graduate of Central Catholic High school. He is the grandson of Mrs. Pearl M. Turner, 611 North street.