

# S. A. Colonel In New Post

Lieut. Col. Robert W. Burns, whose wife, Mrs. Rachel N. Burns, resides at 1421 Hicks avenue, has been placed in command of the 351st Bombardment group, Eighth Air force, at a bomber base in England.

Colonel Burns, 28, previously had served as air executive officer and deputy commander of the 351st group from the day it first started bombing German targets more than 17 months ago.

One of the outstanding veterans of the Eighth Air force, he has led the entire First Bombardment division on more than a score of attacks over Germany and France.

He received the Silver Star for leading his Fortress formation at an extremely low altitude in order to avoid clouds that would have interfered with the successful bombing of important port and dock installations at Nantes, France, September 23, 1943.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading a successful bombing attack on an airplane engine factory at Genshagen, near Berlin, August 6, when the Germans vainly tried to turn back the First division from its objectives with intense anti-aircraft fire and vicious fighter plane attacks.