

1st. John Morasca, Jr.

EIGHTH AIR FORCE Bomber Base in England—2nd Lt. John J. Morasca, Jr., 25, of 338 Rico street, Salinas, Calif., a B-17 Flying Fortress co-pilot, has been decorated with an oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "meritorious achievement" on bomber combat missions over enemy territory, it is announced by Col. Robert W. Burns, commanding officer of the 351st bombardment group. The citation accompanying the award read, in part: "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States." Lieutenant Morasca graduated from Salinas high school in 1937 and was a welder at shipyards No. 2 in Richmond before entering the service on March 10, 1943.