

LIEUTENANT IS AWARDED D. F. C.

BOUND BROOK, Nov. 18—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been conferred upon 1st Lieut. Valentine B. Rusicki, 26-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Rusicki of 519 Wheatland avenue and navigator of a B-17 Flying Fortress attached to the 351st Bombardment Group of the Eighth Air Force in England.

In addition to the DFC, the veteran of more than 20 combat missions holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

He is credited with participation in four operations over Munich, three over Meresbourg, two over Berlin, and one each over Schweinfurt, Augsburg, Weimar, Kiel, Ludwigshaven, Gaggenau, Soest, Kassel, Frankfurt, Cologne, Mardeburg in addition to attacks on other important enemy installations.

"The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions," his latest citation reads, "reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Lieut. Rusicki's promotion from second to first lieutenant was announced recently by Lieut. Col. Robert W. Burns of Ecu, Miss., commanding officer of the 351st Bombardment Group.

A brother, Pfc. Frank Rusicki, U. S. Marine Corps, is on duty in the Southwest Pacific. The local airman was graduated from Bound Brook High School in 1936 and was employed by the Calco Chemical Division, American Cyanamid Company, as a laboratory technician before entering service on July 31, 1941.