

# Arlie F. Aten Awarded Air Decoration

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Hidalgo Airman Was One of  
Fifty - Three Men to Be Given  
Decorations by General Doolittle

Brigadier General James H. Doolittle, commanding the United States Army Air Forces in Africa, announced Tuesday that fifty-three awards of medals had been made to American Airmen for service against the enemy.

Included in the list for participating in five sorties against the enemy were Captain Joseph R. Holzapple of Peoria, Sergeant Arlie F. Aten of Hidalgo and Lawrence I. Holgate of Rock Island.

## Second to Be Decorated

Sergeant Aten is a son of Mrs. Arthur Cowger of Hidalgo vicinity and was the second man from Jasper county to receive a decoration in the present war. Corporal Donald V. Chapman of Wheeler was posthumously awarded the Silver Star medal for his work in helping in the defense of Hickam field, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, when the Japs treacherously attacked without warning. He was killed during the attack while manning an anti-aircraft gun.

E. Snider of Robinson was awarded an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star medal by Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, commander of Allied Air Forces in Australia for gallantry in action.