

SGT. PAUL STANLEY IS GIVEN CITATION IN ITALIAN WAR

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LOCAL BOY MEMBER OF HARD-HITTING FIGHTER FORCE IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA

AT AN ADVANCED ITALIAN AIR-BASE — Staff Sergeant Paul Stanley of Newton is among the personnel of the 350th Fighter Group, which has just been cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

The award of the streamer of a Distinguished Unit was made by Major General John K. Cannon. In company with Group Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Ariel W. Nielsen, Berkeley, Calif., and in the presence of the officers and men of the Group drawn up in parade formation, General Cannon advanced to the Group's color guard and affixed the Distinguished Unit streamer to the Group's regional colors.

The Group, which was formed in Great Britain in 1942, has been overseas for two years, and has taken part in every major campaign in the Mediterranean Theatre.

The citation, read at the ceremony by Captain Macey of Frackville, Pa., read in part as follows: "In contributing to the success of the Operation Strangle, a vital phase of the Allied effort which resulted in the liberation of Rome, the 350th Fighter Group performed above and beyond the call of duty in rendering unique and heroic services. Of their own volition and in addition to their designated duties, personnel within the group that successfully interdicted supply routes at such strategic points as Tarquinia, Grosseto, Leghorn, and Pisa, while continuously maintaining their regularly assigned reconnaissance patrols and sea searches covering Corsica, Sardinia, Tunisia, Italy and the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Seas. The outstanding leadership, tireless devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism displayed by the officers and men of the 350th Fighter Group during the combat operations on 6 April, 1944 have set this Group above and apart from other units involved in comparable effort during the same period and have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Military Service of the United States."