

Corporal W.L. <sup>10/27/44</sup>

## Lobmier Is With "Atoll Busters"

**Completes Twelve Months Duty  
with His Outfit, Which Moved  
7,000 Miles During This Time**

A Seventh Army Air Force Heavy Bomber Base in the Marianas.—Corporal William L. Lobmier of Newton today completed twelve months' duty with the Seventh AAF in the Pacific ocean area—a year in which he traveled nearly 7,000 miles as American air, sea and land forces steadily pushed the enemy toward the gates of Tokyo.

Corporal Lobmier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lobmier of Route Six, Newton, is a clerk with a Seventh AAF "Atoll Busters" squadron, a Liberator bomber outfit which has participated in every Central Pacific air campaign since October, 1943.

### **Landed on Ellice Islands**

Beginning with the arrival of the "Atoll Busters" in Hawaii, Corporal Lobmier's overseas service first took him to the Ellice islands, then one of the few remaining Allied bases in the Central Pacific and springboard for the invasions of the Gilbert and Marshall islands.

Then, from the Marshalls, the squadron helped reduce Ponape, Maloelap, Wotje, Mille, Truk, and Wake to impotency and aided in the American conquest of Saipan and Guam. Now, from the Marianas, the Liberators are smashing the Bonins, only 650 miles from Tokyo.

### **Receives Bronze Star**

Sergeant Andrew Kerner of near Newton has been awarded a Bronze Star medal in a recent ceremony in France or Belgium recently, according to a picture received by the Press. This shows Major General Robert W. Grow pinning the decoration on Sergeant Kerner, but brought no other information about the circumstances.