

# Sergeant John

E. Welker

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## Gets Medal

### **Newton Air Force Mechanic Aided in Development of Oxygen Warning Equipment Recently**

Headquarters, Eighth Air Force Service Command, England.—Technical Sergeant John E. Welker of Newton, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services, it was announced by Brigadier General Donald R. Goodrich of Marshall, Michigan, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force Service Command.

Sergeant Welker aided in the perfection of an oxygen warning system for heavy bombardment type aircraft. This development, which made it possible for one airplane crewman at a central control point to determine whether each member of the combat crew was breathing oxygen through high altitude equipment, has contributed materially to the safety of flying personnel.

### **Electric Shop Foreman**

Electric shop foreman at a sub-depot in this command, Sergeant Welker aids in the maintenance repair of battle-damaged bombers of the Eighth Air Force. When reconditioned, these planes return to further combat missions over enemy territory. A 1935 graduate of Newton Community high school, Sergeant Welker entered the army in 1936. He had CMTC training in 1932-33. He attended Army Radio school at Chantule field, Rantoul, prior to coming overseas in January, 1943, and attended three technical schools in England to qualify for his present duties.

Sergeant Welker's ingenuity, technical skill and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant Welker's wife, Viola, resides at 156 Chestnut street, Winnetka. He is a son of Mrs. Mabel Welker of Newton.