

Homer Clark *July 24,* Gets Oak Leaf *1945* Cluster to Air Medal

Headquarters, Thirteenth Army Air Force, Philippines.—Staff Sergeant Homer L. Clark, veteran assistant engineer and tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator crew known as the "Bomber Barons," recently was presented another Oak Leaf cluster to his Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat at his Philippine air base.

Receiving the award for completing thirty-six combat strikes, Clark ranged over targets in the Philippines and the vast reaches of Borneo where the "Bomber Barons" and other "Jungle Air Force" units collaborated in neutralizing enemy airfields and destroying huge quantities of supplies and personnel, paving the way for recent Allied landings.

Taking off with heavy bomb and gasoline loads, Sergeant Clark flew many lengthy overwater missions, often penetrating dangerous weather fronts.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clark of Arcola, formerly of Newton. Homer before enlistment was employed by the Newton Press.