

Staff Sergeant

Homer L. Clark

Receives Air Medal 1945

Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force, Philippines.—Staff Sergeant Homer L. Clark, assistant engineer-gunner with the Thirteenth AAF, recently has been presented the Air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat at an advanced Philippine air base.

A member of the "Bomber Barons," B-24 Liberator outfit of the "Jungle Airforce," Clark is a veteran of twenty-six combat strikes. His most recent forays over enemy-held territory include missions over the Halmaheras, Borneo and the Philippines.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clark of Arcola, formerly of near Newton. Prior to entering the service he was employed as an apprentice printer of the Newton Press.

Sergeant Clark received his gunnery training at Harlingen, Texas, and departed for overseas duty in December, 1944.

Receives Purple Heart

Private First Class Edward W. Rentz of Route Six, Newton, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the Japs near Galiano, La Union province on Luzon in the Philippine islands.

Private Rentz, who is a member of Company C, 123rd Infantry regiment, has been participating in the Philippines Liberation campaign since February. Previously he saw action with the regiment at Maffin bay in Dutch New Guinea.

Private Rentz was taking part in an assault on heavily defended Japanese mountain positions on the route to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, when he was wounded.