

BRONZE STAR FOR CAPT. PAUL BIRCH

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The following communication from the public relations office of the army air corps, tells of the decoration of Capt Paul E. Birch, of South Muddy township, who is shown above receiving the Bronze Star medal for his services in the Mediterranean theatre of operations. Capt. Birch was decorated at Fort Myers, Fla., where he has been assigned after having completed his required service overseas. The communication concerning the decoration follows:

On February 8, 1945 a formal presentation of the Bronze Star Medal

was awarded Capt. Paul E. Birch, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Birch of Ingham, by Lt. Col. Ansley Watson, Commanding Officer, Page Field. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters, NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel: Paul E. Birch, O-439573, Captain, 344 Bombardment Squadron, 98th Bombardment Group. From 18 August 1942 to 1 September, 1944, Mediterranean Campaign. Entered Service from: Louisville, Illinois.