

# LT. KING INSTRUCTING YOUNG AERIAL FIGHTERS

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Myrtle Beach Army Air Field, S. C. —After spending twelve months in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations during which time he completed fifty bombing missions, 1st Lt. Daniel W. King, Newton, Illinois, is passing the valuable experience he gained in combat flying on to student gunners in training at Myrtle Beach Army Air Field, S. C.

Lt. King, 23 years of age, is assigned to Myrtle Beach AAF as a pilot of medium bomber aircraft used in the gunnery training pro-

gram of the First Air Force, which has the task of readying bomber and fighter crews for overseas duty.

He entered the Army Air Forces on January 24, 1942 at Santa Ana, California and served as an enlisted man for twenty months prior to entering the Aviation Cadets. He completed primary flight training at Rankin Aeronautical Academy, California basic training at Lemoor, California and graduated from advanced flying training on September 29, 1942 from Williams Field, Phoenix, Arizona.

Leaving the United States on Feb-

ruary 27, 1943 for the Mediterranean Theatre, Lt. King and his medium bomber crew completed, among other missions, bomb runs over North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily, Italy and the Balkans. For his outstanding record of meritorious achievement while participating in fifty missions against the enemy, he wears the Air Medal with eight Oak-Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Lt. King is a 1940 graduate of the Newton Community High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ona M. King, R. R. 6, Newton, Illinois.