

**D.F.C.**

**Silver Star**



**Capt. Robert J. Salitrnik**  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Alhambra—Died of wounds

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# Southland Heroes in the Aerial War Against Germany



**PROUD OF DADDY**—Mrs. Joan Dessert, holding Kenneth O'Reilly Dessert Jr., looks at picture of Maj. Kenneth Dessert, Los Angeles winner of Air Medal, Oak Leaf cluster. *Times photo.*



**Capt. Robert J. Salitrnik**  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Alhambra—Diplomist



**Capt. Frank D. Yausi**  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Glendale



**Lieut. R. L. Fisher**  
Air Medal  
Downey



**Maj. Mack McKey**  
Silver Star, Compton



**Capt. William E. Keefer**  
Third Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Torrance



**Capt. Edwin C. Baker**  
Third Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Pasadena

**WINGS**—Mrs. Gwen Woods, Mrs. Rankin, sister and parents of Wesley Rankin, insert, look at wings of Los Angeles winner of Air Medal and Oak Leaf. *Times photo.*



**Lieut. George W. Bailey**  
Third Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Los Angeles



**Lieut. Ralph W. Jones**  
First Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Los Angeles



**LETTER TO MOM**—Mrs. Loren V. Cookin reads a letter from son, Lieut. Rigor L. Cookin, insert, Los Angeles winner of first Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. *Times photo.*



**Staff Sergeant Howard H. Nardine**  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Los Angeles



**Srgt. J. L. Beninger Jr.**  
First Oak Leaf to Air Medal  
Inglewood



**Technical Sergeant R. F. York**  
Air Medal  
Inglewood



**Staff Sergeant H. B. Brown Jr.**  
First Oak Leaf to Air Medal  
Van Nuys



**Lieut. Lynn H. Makler**  
First Oak Leaf to Air Medal  
Clearwater



**Srgt. F. A. Beaman**  
Air Medal  
Los Angeles



**Staff Sergeant Harold E. Godwin**  
First Oak Leaf to Air Medal  
Los Angeles