

Flies Bomber Named for Wife To Blast Nazis

**Lt. Richard Kik, Jr.,
Recently Decorated
by Gen. Quesada.**

First Lieutenant Richard Kik, Jr., is the pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter-bomber named "Bette" for his wife, who resides at 825 Campbell avenue. Lt. Kik is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kik, Sr., Route 9. While at the control of the "Bette" Lt. Kik, according to a dispatch from his Ninth Air Force base in England, participates in dive-bombing, strafing, and fighter attacks on railway yards, airdromes, and other targets in the occupied countries and Germany.

Lt. Kik recently received the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters when Major General E. R. Quesada made awards to pilots of the group in which he flies.

Lt. Kik, with other fighter-bomber pilots of the Ninth Air Force, the United States component of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force, presently is playing an important role in supporting the invasion armies, according to Gen. Quesada.

Lt. Kik is a brother of Sergeant Frederick R. Kik, who recently was wounded, for the second time, in action in the Southwest Pacific, and of Private First Class George Kik, who is with an infantry unit in Italy.

'Bette's' Pilot



1st Lt. Richard Kik, Jr.

Lt. Richard Kik, pilot of P-47, has named the plane after his wife. It is named "Bette." Lt. Kik is a brother of Sgt. Fred Kik, who was recently wounded the second time in the S.W. Pacific.