

Lieut. Brill Was Awarded Oak Cluster

Among U. S. Fliers In England Cited For Valor On Missions

First Lieutenant Allen Brill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brill, 505 East Tenth street, was among the officers and men of the United States Army Eighth Air Force who have received more than 1,700 awards for valor and exceptionally meritorious service, during their seven-month offensive operations against German-occupied Europe from bases in England, according to an announcement made from London today, April 20.

The announcement lists Lieut. Brill as the recipient of an oak leaf cluster for the air medal, which apparently was a posthumous award for the war department reported on March 12 that Lieutenant Brill, a bomber pilot, was killed in action on March 4 during a raid over Germany.

Last spring Lieutenant Brill was married to Miss Joan Riley, former Sedalian, who now lives with her parents in Des Moines, Iowa.

Down In Sea

Information from surviving members of the crew of Lieutenant Brill's Flying Fortress revealed that the damaged plane crash-landed into the North Sea. The crew members were lashed by high waves of the turbulent sea in freezing weather, and apparently Lieutenant Brill was drowned before he could reach a rubber life raft which was inflated and sustained others of the crew who later were picked up by boat.

Praise From Officers

In a letter to the pilot's wife his bombardier said "Lieutenant

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