


ALFRED FRONING
IS MADE CAPTAIN.
GETS DECORATION

Bags Two German Fighter
Planes Although Own
Badly Damaged.

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La Porte City, Ia.—Adding to honors previously received for achievements as pilot in the U. S. army air force, Lt. Alfred C. Froning, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W.



CAPT. ALFRED FRONING.
Froning, was given the commission of captain on Feb. 1 in Italy and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The particular action for which Captain Froning received his most recent award was when he led his section of three P-47s to attack 15 or more Messerschmitt-109s as the section completed a strafing mission in the north African theater of operation.

Wing Set Afire.
He destroyed a Messerschmitt-109 and during the action sustained 20-mm. explosive hits that demolished the trim tabs, lowered the right wheel and set fire to the right wing of the plane he was piloting. With utter disregard for his personal safety and despite the handicap of a damaged plane that was afire, Froning turned to attack a second Messerschmitt-109, which was on the other wingman's tail. He succeeded in destroying the enemy aircraft with a full deflection shot even though only his left wing guns would fire.

Despite the odds of more than five to one, four enemy aircraft were destroyed by the section.

Section Safely Home.
The courage and leadership of Captain Froning and his superb airmanship in the face of seemingly insurmountable handicaps enabled him to lead his section safely to its home base after routing a superior enemy force. Froning had previously received the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf cluster.



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