

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 1, 1944

# Scores With Ship Named For Wife

Capt. Lester G. Taylor, Jr., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for fifty missions over Continental Europe in a Thunderbolt fighter plane named for his wife, Mrs. Jean Taylor, who is living with her sister, Mrs. Lotti Myszka, at 524 Marshall street. Captain Taylor calls his eight-gunned ship, "Jean's Warrior."

The 26-year-old flier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Taylor, Sr., 4431 Jarboe street, Kansas City, Mo. His wife is a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A graduate of West Point in 1943, Captain Taylor is a combat flight commander with a Thunderbolt fighter group and already had been awarded the Air Medal with clusters.

In awarding the D. F. C., the Eighth Fighter Command orders stated, in part:

"For extraordinary achievement in accomplishing fifty fighter combat missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. The skillful and zealous manner in which this officer has sought out the enemy and engaged him in aerial combat, his devotion to duty and courage under all conditions serve as an inspiration to his fellow-flyers. His actions on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."