


**Advanced to Major**



**ROY V. BOLIG**  
(World War II Picture Taken in North Africa)

**Roy "Himmie" Bolig Advanced to a Major**

**Former Selingsrove Athlete Enlisted as Private in 1941 And Came Up Thru Ranks**

Roy V. "Himmie" Bolig, one of Selingsrove High School's athletic immortals, has been advanced from captain to major in the United States Air Force. Son of Mrs. Luther M. Bolig, Sunbury, and the late Mr. Bolig, for many years operator of a coal yard here, Major Bolig attained his majority February 15 at Alexandria, Virginia. He has been assigned there temporarily from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., as deputy personnel director, Air Force Activities Wing.

Major Bolig, who was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field during World War II, engaged in many campaigns. He took part in seven invasions during the Mediterranean campaign, and was awarded a citation badge. He flew in with the first wave in the invasion of Africa, along with another former Selingsrover, Colonel John M. Oberdorf.

**Came Up Thru The Ranks**

Major Bolig enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps in April, 1941, and came up thru the ranks. He was initially based overseas in England, until the invasion of Africa. His outfit was entrusted with the hazardous duty of transporting paratroopers, towing gliders, evacuating wounded and loading and unloading supplies in their C-46s.

Major Bolig's athletic prowess is almost legendary locally. He was a four-year letterman in all sports while attending Selingsrove High School, from which he was graduated in 1932. He attended Wrentham Military Academy, Wrentham, New Jersey, until 1934. Then he spent a year at Penn State, captaining the frosh football team and earning his numerals in freshman track as well. In 1935, he attended Susquehanna University, and was on the football and track teams.

Major Bolig was married to the former Lillian Corgau, of Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, on April 6, 1942. His wife's brother was killed in the Anzio Beachhead. Major and Mrs. Bolig now make their home at 2820 Erie Street, Washington, D. C.

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