

Hvazda, Wassyl  
Metro

## Wins Air Medal

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Second Lieutenant Wassyl Hvazda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hvazda, 1914 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement with a 44th Bombardment Group, B-24 Liberator outfit in England.

Lt. Hvazda, navigator with the veteran Eighth Air Force, has taken part in aerial attacks upon such enemy strongholds as Plauen, Passau, Neumunster, and Hallen. This group, part of the Second Air Division, was one of the first Liberator outfits to arrive in the European Theatre of operations. It had previously been cited on two occasions by the War Department for valor in action and has taken part in more than 300 missions over enemy territory.

Lt. Hvazda entered the service August 1, 1943, and won his navigator's wings at Selman Field, La., last October. In February, 1944, he went overseas.

A brother, Technical Sergeant Metro, is serving at a hospital in Tennessee. Lt. Wassyl is presently spending a 30-day furlough at his home.

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