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Soldier Home After Seeing Much Action

Staff Sergeant Samuel Sottolano, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sottolano 1715 Washington Avenue, Northampton, who was on June 23 awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Brigadier General J. Wilson for more than 200 hours of combat duty in the South Pacific area, is spending a 15-day furlough with his parents in their home. He has just returned from serving with the 400th Bombardment Squadron, 90th Bombardment Group, in New Guinea, under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. The squadron was the first to operate in this area with B-24 Liberators, on which he served as assistant radio operator, photographer and gunner.

A total of 210 flying hours and 25 missions, as well as the downing of three Jap planes, are credited to the young soldier. This is the first time he was able to visit his home in 19 months.

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A brother (Staff Sergeant James Sottolano, is serving as a mechanic in the North African theater. The latter has been serving in the armed forces three and a half years.

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