

Zimpfer, William E.

Hellertown Sergeant Awarded Air Medal

FIFTEENTH AAF, ITALY—Sergeant William E. Zimpfer, 19, tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress operating from a 15th AAF base in Italy, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight." Sgt. Zimpfer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zimpfer, 745 Front Street, Hellertown, Pa.

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Sgt. Zimpfer, who attended Hellertown High School and was later employed at Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem, Pa., entered the armed forces in December, 1943. He was awarded his aerial gunner's wings at Kingman Army Air Base, Kingman, Ariz., June 4, 1944, and assigned to overseas combat duty with the 15th AAF in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Sgt. Zimpfer has flown 14 combat missions over enemy territory.

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