

Hilpert, John M.

Major Decorated



Major John M. Hilpert was today authorized to wear the Distinguished Unit Citation for his work while a member of the 308th Heavy Bombardment Group, the famous "Liberators of China."

Major Hilpert, whose home address is 33 West Church Street, also wears 2 battle stars on his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and has received the Bronze Star Medal. He has been on active duty overseas for 31 months.

The record of his outfit, which has twice been cited for its heroic achievements, stands out as one of the most spectacular war tales to emerge from the Asiatic Theatre.

The citation accompanying the award reads in part, "Between May 24, 1944, and April 28, 1945, this group preyed relentlessly on the Japanese sea shipping lanes between the Japanese homeland and her conquests throughout southern Asia and adjacent insular territories. During most of this period, this group was the only organization among all the Allied Forces in a position to conduct interdiction operations against the vital supply line."

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