

Hilbert, James C.

Fortress Pilot



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—First Lieutenant James C. Hilbert, 22, of Bethlehem, co-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 95th Bombardment Group, has had a distinguished combat career to date in the aerial warfare carried out by the Eighth Air Force against the Nazis in Europe. He already holds the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters for "meritorious achievement."

The AAF co-pilot is a member of a Fortress group commanded by Colonel Jack E. Shuck of Casper, Wyo., which has been cited twice by the President; once, for leading the first American bombing attack on targets in Berlin in March, 1944, and previously for its outstanding bombing of railroad marshalling yards at Munster, Germany, in October, 1943. As a unit of the Third Air Division, the 95th also shared in another Presidential citation given the entire division for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of an important Messerschmitt fighter plane plant at Regensburg, Germany, in August, 1943.

Lt. Hilbert, son of Mrs. A. W. Hilbert of 221 Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, was formerly employed by Bethlehem Steel Company, Bethlehem. His wife, Mrs. Marciel Hilbert, and son, James C. Hilbert Jr., live in Brooksville, Miss.

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