

Eisenhart, Luther W.

Awarded Medal



AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England —Shown checking his maps before taking off in the X-17 Flying Fortress "A Bit O' Lace" is First Lieutenant Luther W. Eisenhart, 28-year-old navigator from Bethlehem, Pa.

Lt. Eisenhart has recently been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on vital German industries and military installations. The official citation accompanying the award commented on the "courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lt. Eisenhart upon these occasions" as reflecting "great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States." The presentation was made by his group commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Louis G. Thorp, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

As a member of the 447th Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Air Division, the division that was cited by the President for the now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing attack on the Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg, Germany, Lt. Eisenhart has flown many missions in this toughest theatre of aerial warfare.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Eisenhart of 615 Cherokee Street, Bethlehem, Lt. Eisenhart before entering Army Air Forces in June, 1943, was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He received his navigator's wings in July, 1944, at Ellington Field, Houston, Tex. His wife, Mrs. Irene M. Eisenhart, lives at 635 Itaska Street.

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