

Sgt. Williams Is Given Air Medal For Aerial Feat

AN 8TH AIR FORCE BOMBER BASE, England. — (Special) — Sgt. Reginald R. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon D. Williams, Gillsburg, was one of two sergeants, fliers with the 351st Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. Robert W. Burns, Ecu, Miss., who were decorated with the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement" on bomber combat missions over enemy Europe.

The citation accompanying the awards read, in part: "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these enlisted men on these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States."

Sergeant Williams and the other decorated, Sgt. Fred R. Meurier, Courtland, Miss., participated in the March 12 attack on naval and military installations at Swinemunde, the Baltic port near Stettin, which was the closest Eighth Air Force bomber had ever been to the fighting on the Eastern Front. The attack was in direct support of Russian troops pounding at the city of Stettin.

Sergeant Williams, a top turret gunner, graduated from the Gillsburg High School in 1938 and entered the service on December 19, 1941.