HIDALGO BOY GIVEN AIR MEDAL AWARD

CITED FOR "MERITORIOUS ACHIEV-EMENT, COURAGE AND SKILL" April 26, 1945

A 7th AAF Heavy Bomber Base In The Palus — Second Lieutenant Victor M. Everett of Hidalgo, Illinois, copilot on a 7th AAF Liberator bomber. has been awarded the Air Medal at this Army Air Forces base.

The award was made for "Meritorious achievement — courage and skill" during 7th AAF bombing attacks on Jap shipping and military installations in both the Palaus and Philippines.

Lieutenant Everett's wife, Mildred and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Snell, live in Hidalgo. He was graduated from Newton Community High School, and was employed by the Vanderenter Baking Company, St. Louis, Missouri, before entering the armed ervice in September, 1942. He wears one bronze battle star on his Asiatic Pacific ribbon.