

## BATAVIA SERGEANT WILL RETURN SOON

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Veteran 459th Bomb Group  
to Be Reassigned to the  
Pacific.

### COMPLETES 244 MISSIONS

15th AAF in Italy.—After long service in Italy with the 15th Air Force, Sergeant Edward S. Brown of No. 11 Tracy avenue, Batavia, N. Y., will soon return to the United States with the veteran 459th Bomb Group.

The veteran group, which will receive additional training and equipment before reassignment in the Pacific theater of war, has been serving with the 15th Air Force in Italy for the past eighteen months. During this time, the 459th has flown 244 missions against strategic targets in German-held Europe, contributing to the German downfall by the bombing of Ploesti, Vienna, Steyr, Munich and numerous other targets whose loss crippled Nazi resources, supplies, and communications.

For one such mission, the precision bombing of the German aircraft works at Bad Voslau, Austria, the 459th was awarded its second Distinguished Unit citation. This bombing was called a "superb job" by Lieutenant General Nathan F. Twining, who was then commanding general of the 15th AAF.

Under the command of Colonel Mardan M. Munn of Albany, Calif., and later under Colonel Henry K. Mooney, New Orleans, La., members of the 459th Group won an impressive array of awards and decorations. They have flown over 7,500 sorties and dropped more than 14,900 tons of bombs during the strategic, tactical and morale bombings that German military leaders have labeled as the cause of Germany's defeat.

After returning to the United States, the 459th Liberator Bomb Group looks forward to carrying its devastating bomb-loads against the last enemy of free nations—Japan.