

AVIATION WALL OF HONOR



Lieutenant Thomas Dean Tippett

Thomas Dean Tippett was a graduate of Northern Michigan College of Education and was commissioned at Ellington Field, Texas, in August of 1942.

As a navigator on a "Flying Fortress", Tippett served for 11 months in the China-India Theatre. As part of the B-17 crew, he shot down his first enemy plane when 40 Japanese "Zeroes" attacked United States ships in Chinese waters.

After three and a half years, he returned to the United States where he married Second Lieutenant Marjorie Morgan of Nauticoke, Pennsylvania on November 23, 1944 in Houston, Texas. His wife had been in the Army Nurse Corps for two years.

Tippett received an Air Medal which was awarded to 52 officers and enlisted men, the citation reading: "These officers and enlisted men have flown more than 100 hours in operational flights as members of combat crews in heavy bombardment planes. These operational flights were accomplished in the China, Burma and India theater, where exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Rugged terrain and hazardous weather conditions added greatly to the dangers of these operational flights, the accomplishment of which is deemed a

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meritorious achievement. Each has exhibited a keen perception of his duties and assignments as a member of the crew and the successful completion of these flights reflects credit on their personal records as well as that of the Army Air Forces.”

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