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Edgar B. Gottschalk photographed in his United States Army uniform. Gottschalk received his official order to report for induction and notice that he had been selected for training and service on January 20, 1943. (This image is considered to be in the public domain.)
The crew of <i>Sky Tramp</i> , a B-24 Liberator, poses in front of their ship. Back row, left to right: Navigator 2nd Lieutenant Alfred Jaffee from New York, NY, Bombardier 2nd Lieutenant Victor Willard from Coldwater, Kansas, Pilot 1st Lieutenant Roy Meyers, Mountain Lake, MN, Co-Pilot 2nd Lieutenant Richard Stine from Salt Lake City, UT. Front row, left to right, Waist Gunner Staff Sergeant Keith Rice from Grand Rapids, MI, Radio John Clary from Los Angeles, CA., Nose Gunner Grandville Forrest from California, Flight Mechanic and Top Turret Gunner, Edgar Gottschalk, Ball Turret Hoyle Phillips from Gun Town, MS, Tail Gunner Chester Hopsen from OK. (Narrator's photo)

On December 24, 1944, Edgar Gottschalk's mother, Nora, received a letter signed by U.S. Army Major General St. Clair Streett informing her that her son had been awarded the Air Medal in the name of the President of the United States. According to the letter, Gottschalk "was decorated for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight." (This image is considered to be in the public domain.)
This air strike roster, completed by Staff Sergeant Edgar B. Gottschalk, 72nd Bombardment Squadron, reveals the dates, times, and locations of his unit's bombing raids from June 12, 1944- January 16, 1945. (This image is considered to be in the public domain.)