

Romanchik, Michael

## Cementon Man Gets Award For Bravery

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Technical Sergeant Michael Romanchik, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Romanchik, Cementon, has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Guam last August.

According to the citation, Sgt. Romanchik and a small patrol discovered several of the enemy in a small two-room house near the battalion's bivouac area in the territory of Mount Rosa. "Sergeant Romanchik and one other man, with utter disregard for their own personal safety drew their weapons, dashed into the house and began firing at the enemy. When the enemy set off two hand grenades, Sergeant Romanchik jumped out through the door. In company with another man, he threw white phosphorus grenades through the windows of the house, killing all but one, who was captured."

Sergeant of a heavy machine gun platoon, the Cementon boy served six years in the army prior to the outbreak of the war. He served in Hawaii and Panama. His wife, Lena, resides in Canaan, Conn.

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