

Ruch, Howard S.

Posthumous Award

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SGT. HOWARD S. RUCH

The Purple Heart decoration awarded posthumously to Sgt. Howard S. Ruch of Hellertown, has been received by his father, Howard T. Ruch, 151 New Street. A letter verifying the death of Sgt. Ruch, in Belgium, January 13, has also been received from Lt. Col. Johnson, commanding the airborne engineering battalion, of which Sgt. Ruch was a member. In his letter, Col. Johnson, wrote: "Howard was held in high regard by all members of this command. He was an outstanding soldier and an outstanding character . . . He was accorded a military burial and is buried in an American military cemetery in France." Sgt. Ruch would have been 21 years of age on the 21st of February. A niece, Perrie Lou Shimer, was born on that date this year. Sgt. Ruch's parents survive and others are three sisters, Mrs. Sterling Shimer, Mrs. Warren W. Ache, and Catherine, of the home address. A brother-in-law, Captain Warren W. Ache, has been serving in the Pacific area for the past 37 months.

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