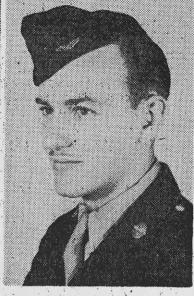
Kalas, Joseph

Decorated for Gallantry in Action JAN 46 1944







PVT. JOHN HOMBIS

STAFF SGT. JOSEPH KALAS

STAFF SGT. ROLAND GANGWER

Parents of 3 Local Servicemen to Receive Sons' Medals, Citations

Medals and citations for gallantry in action against the enemy in the African and European theatres of war will be presented to the parents of three Bethlehem soldiers by the U. S. War Departree with three Oak Leaf Clusters will be presented to Marshall R. Gangtwork of the Allentown Aviation Cadet Examining Board, who is expected to make the presentations. tations.

A posthumous award of the Silver Star for exceptional gallantry in action by Private John Hombis will be presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Homis, 2 East Fourth Street, who only recently learned of their son's death in Africa.

The citation for the deceased infantryman relates how in August, 1943, during the battle for Sicily, Private Hombis braved intense ene-my machinegun fire to rescue a wounded comrade, who he carried to safety on his back after giving first aid under fire.

Hombis then started back to get another comrade, also seriously injured. By that time, however, the enemy fire had become so intense that he was ordered to remain be-hind cover. The circumstances un-der which Hombis met his own death some time later are not known.

The Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster will be awarded to Mrs. Helen Kalos, 923 Spring Street for her son, Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Kalos, 23, of the Army Air Forces, who was reported missing in action over continental Europe on Sept. 23,

A ball turret gunner on a Fly-ing Fortress. Sergeant Kalos en-tered the service on Sept. 5, 1942, and after intensive training in America went overseas to England in May 1943. During the summer

son. Staff Sergeant Roland D. Gangwer, who was reported missing in action last October 10, and who January 3, 1944, was reported a prisoner of the Nazi Government. For his distinguished service as a gunner, which included knocking down two enemy planes, he had already been awarded the Air Medal and two clusters. He entered the

and two clusters. He entered the service in June, 1942, received his basic training at Keesler Field and was graduated from Gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nev.

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