

Rieck, Donald L.

Riegelsville Marine Wins Bronze Star

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (delayed).—For risking his life by leaving the Saipan beach and wading 20 yards out in the water to rescue a wounded man, Marine Corporal Donald L. Rieck, 20, of Riegelsville, Pa., has been awarded the Bronze Star.

Rieck was a member of a tank crew of the Fourth Marine Division. His citation, by Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith, commanding general, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, reads in part:

"While being brought ashore, Corporal Rieck's tank was flooded and had to be abandoned about 30 yards from the beach. With the other members of the crew, he made his way ashore and took shelter from the heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire in a shell hole about 15 yards from the water's edge. From this position he saw another Marine making his way to the beach. This man was hit several times by enemy small arms fire, finally falling at the water's edge, about 20 yards from Corporal Rieck's position. Unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Rieck went to the aid of the wounded man and assisted in carrying him to the shelter of the shell hole."

The corporal, son of Henry F. Rieck, of the Riegelsville address, also participated in the Marshall Islands campaign.

Prior to enlisting in July, 1942, he attended Easton High School.

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