

Frankenfield, Earl R.

Bethlehem Man Given Silver Star

Word has been received that Earl R. Frankenfield, well known Bethlehem young man, has been awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action. He is a son of Abraham Frankenfield, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Vincent R. D. 1, Langhorne Avenue, this city.

Pfc. Frankenfield received the citation from Col. J. R. Hawkins, A. C., Chief of Staff. It reads: "Earl R. Frankenfield, private first class, Air Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On February 14, 1943, he was helping to set up a radio station of an Air Support Party when twenty (20) enemy tanks approached from over the crest of a hill. He then helped destroy radio equipment and secret documents. The courage and skill displayed by this soldier reflect great credit to himself and his service to the United States Army Forces was invaluable.

"By command of Brigadier General Williams."

Soon after this action Frankenfield was taken prisoner and still is in a prison camp in Germany.

He has a brother, Edward, of Goepp Street, this city; a sister, Mrs. Melvin Armour, Boston, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Michael Nemetz, Carvertown, Pa.

He is a native of Bethlehem and attended Liberty High School before moving to Wayne, Pa., from where he was inducted and placed in the Air Corps.

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