

Vallera, Anthony D.

Sgt. Vallera Given Award For Gallantry

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Major General Horace L. McBride, General of the 80th Infantry Division, in Luxembourg, has announced that Sgt. Anthony D. Vallera, 318th Infantry Division, has been awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action in Luxembourg on December 22, 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States."

The citation accompanying the award read: "On December 22, 1944, Sgt. Vallera was leading his machine gun section in an infantry assault when an enemy force of some forty soldiers armed with automatic weapons, grenades, launchers and mortars infiltrated through the left flank of the company, isolating Sgt. Vallera and his section from the advancing company. Although outnumbered, he immediately organized a skirmish line and directed his men to remain in their positions for further orders. He then crawled approximately 100 yards to the enemy positions and hand signalled his comrades to join him. Sgt. Vallera next called the enemy commander, demanding surrender."

Sgt. Vallera is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Vallera, 706 East Morton Street. He attended Bethlehem High School before entering the service September 23, 1942.

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