

Czar, Frank

Veterans of African Battles



S-SGT. FRANK CZAR
... winner of D. S. C.

PFC. WILLIAM H. DAGGETT
... training troops

Local Trio Trains Troops In England

Sgt. Frank Czar Gets DSC After Capture Of 12 Nazis; All in African Battles

Three Bethlehem infantrymen, one of them a winner of the Distinguished Service Cross and all of them having seen action in the most important battles in North Africa, have arrived in England to help train troops preparing for the invasion of Occupied Europe. The men are:

Staff Sergeant Frank L. Czar, aged 25, 511 Spring Street, awarded the D.S.C. for extraordinary heroism in action.

Pfc. William H. Daggett, 23, 511 Sioux Street.

Pfc. Michael Ferrani, 28, 129 Crest Avenue.

Sgt. Czar was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy at Kashbah Mehdi, French Morocco, on November 8, 1942, when he was a corporal. The official citation reads, in part:

"In company with a lieutenant and two enlisted men, he entered the lighthouse on the Kasbah after crossing enemy barbed-wire entanglements while under heavy enemy fire and captured 12 hostile troops who were holding up our advance. This enabled our troops to take the strategic position commanded by the lighthouse.

"Sgt. Czar later demonstrated coolness and bravery above and beyond the call of duty when he assisted the lieutenant in manning an abandoned enemy anti-tank gun in full view of the enemy. Part of the breech of this gun has been removed and the lieutenant was able to fire it only by firing at the base of the anti-tank shell with his sub-machine gun, while Sgt. Czar aimed the anti-tank gun. By this heroic action Czar assisted in destroying

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