

Shiffert, Kenneth D.

Nazareth R. D. Veteran Given Silver Star

JAN 31 1946

In ceremonies at his home, Kenneth D. Shiffert, son of Mrs. Mabel Garman, R. F. D. No. 2, Nazareth, was awarded the Silver Star Medal, by Captain Louis R. Pickering, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Recruiting Office, Allentown.

Mr. Shiffert was discharged from the Army on Sept. 26, 1945, after having served two years in the Pacific. He was a member of the 511th Airborne Unit, and wears the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two battle stars, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Since his discharge from the Army, he has entered Lehigh University, where he is taking a course in engineering. He is a graduate of Nazareth High School.

The citation which accompanied the medal reads as follows: "For gallantry in action on Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 21 February, 1945. During operations against the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Shiffert, from a forward position saw an artillery liaison plane crash in an area closely adjacent to enemy held territory. With utter disregard for his safety, Technician Fifth Grade Shiffert left his sheltered position and moved forward one hundred yards over fire swept terrain to rescue the pilot. Under concentrated sniper and machine gun fire, this intrepid soldier carried the wounded pilot to safety."

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