

## Pfc. Torok Gets Army Award Posthumously

### Local Youth Wins Silver Star for Action in Italy

Private First Class Louis G. Torok, son of Mrs. Magdalene Torok, 520 Hayes Street, this city, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for gallantry in action in Italy.

The youth, who lost his life April 16, served on the Fifth Army front in the 349th "Krautkiller" Infantry Regiment, 88th "Blue Devil" Division.

When elements of Torok's company had taken a house beyond a



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ridge, the enemy was firmly entrenched in fortified caves and with intense fire, cut off most of the company from the house. Torok went to a window facing the German caves and poured fire into the hostile emplacements, inflicting many casualties.

In spite of the heavy barrage of the enemy, he continued firing into the caves, forcing the enemy to withdraw, until a rocket tore through the wall near the window, killing Torok instantly.

His gallant action upholds the best traditions of the armed forces, stated the citation with the award.

Pfc. Torok was inducted into the armed forces in November, 1942, and received his training at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Fannin, Tex. He went overseas in October, 1944.

Prior to entering the service, Torok was employed by the Lehigh Valley Throwing Mills.