

Novak, Frank

Awarded Medal



Capt. Frank Novak, 1430 Cottage Ave., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal January 29 at Camp Polk, La. by his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Van Fleet "for meritorious achievement in Luzon, Philippine Islands."

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The citation accompanying the award read in part, "As personnel officer of the liberated internment camp at New Billibid Prison, Muntinlupa Rizal, Capt. Novak was responsible for adjusting the personnel affairs of 2,400 Allied and United States nationals in process of repatriation and rehabilitation. After three years' detention, the national status of many former prisoners was obscure, all were debilitated by malnutrition, and many were suffering from lack of medical attention. With decisive action and through understanding of many problems involved, he carefully interviewed each person, reviewed identification and personal documents and administered incalculable aid. As a result of his unceasing efforts, all administrative matters pertaining to their care, disposition and evacuation were greatly facilitated."

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