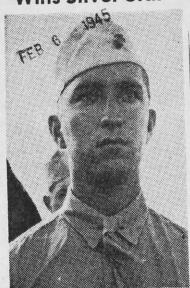
## Wins Silver Star



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SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marine Sergeant John P. Belcak, 21, son
of Mrs. Anna Belcak, of 1118
Furnace Street, Hellertown,
Pa., has been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry in the battle of Saipan.
Then a private first class
wielding a Browning automatic
rifle, Belcak since has been
promoted twice to attain his
present rating. He also has
been awarded the Purple Heart
in recognition of wounds incurred during the SaipanTinian fighting.

Belcak is a member of a Mar-

Tinian fighting.

Belcak is a member of a Marrine combat organization commanded by Colonel Walter I.

Jordan, one of the many heroes of Tarawa. His unit is also a part of the Fourth Marine Division, which has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary achievements on Salpan and Tinian.

The citation accompanying Belcak's Silver Star reads as follows:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy on the island of Saipan, Marianas Group, on July 12, 1944, while serving as an automatic rifleman with a Marine infantry battalion.

"When a member of his patrol was killed by an enemy rifleman located on a rocky ledge, Belcak completely disregarded his own safety, scaled the cliff, and, despite heavy fire, killed the enemy singlehanded. His outstanding courage and continued determination to annihilate the enemy, despite being painfully wounded on three separate occasions, were inspiring to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."