

Montz, Mitchell P.

Posthumous Award For Stiles Soldier

The Purple Heart award, first badge of honor granted to men who fought in the ranks of an American Army, has been awarded posthumously to Mitchell P. Montz, 22-year-old Stiles soldier who was killed in action December 23 in North Africa.

The award, a citation for military merit, was received Monday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Montz.

The Stiles soldier was one of nine Lehigh Countians reported missing in action before last Christmas. Later the other eight were reported prisoners of war.

Private Montz, born in Northampton, was graduated from Allentown High School in 1939. He had worked for more than a year in the open hearth department of the Bethlehem Steel Company plant here prior to his induction February 3, 1942.

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