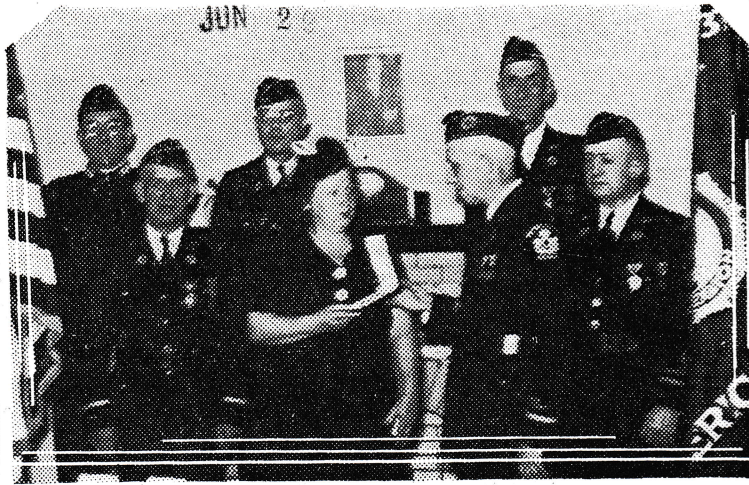


Schippang, Alvin T.

Accepts Award For Missing Son



Award of the Purple Heart was made at the Johnson Post Legion Home last evening to Mrs. Maude Corgorno for her son, missing in action. In the picture are, front row, left to right: Harry Miller, Mrs. Corgorno, Linden Fisher, Arthur S. Anders; back row: Major Clark Little, Warren Schnable and James Hughes.

Mother Gets Purple Heart Awarded To Missing Son

In ceremonies at the Legion Home, Mrs. Maude Cognoro, 326 Water Street, the mother of one of Bethlehem's war heroes, last evening received the Purple Heart awarded her son, S. Sgt. Alvin T. Schippang, reported missing in action while on a bombing mission over occupied Europe April 24, 1943.

On April 18, 1944, the War Department notified Mrs. Cognoro that it presumed her son had been killed in action. The Purple Heart is awarded to all soldiers wounded in action or whose death results from wounds received in action.

Sgt. Schippang had previously been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, which were presented to Mrs. Cognoro Oct. 16, 1943.

The ceremony was held at the Legion Home before friends and the family. Rev. Mr. E. F. McLean, pastor of Spiritual Sanctuary, Easton, the family minister, delivered the invocation, telling of the boy's life and his sacrifice.

Linden Fisher read a citation of honor from General H. H. Arnold,

commanding general of the Army Air Forces, a certificate of memorial from Franklin Roosevelt, President of the United States, and a certificate awarding the Purple Heart signed by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

Mr. Fisher presented Mrs. Cognoro with the medal as Samuel Shive, American Legion bugler, blew taps. Mrs. Charles Bowman, president of the Legion Auxiliary, and Franklin Stein, commander of Harry F. W. Johnson Post, No. 379, were introduced and made remarks of condolence.

Commander Stein introduced Carl F. Beyer, post service officer, who explained activities of the post in co-operating with the families of servicemen and with the government.

Four members of the post who wear the Purple Heart were present: Warren Schnable, Arthur Anders, Harry Miller and James Hughes.

The ceremony closed with the singing of the National Anthem and a benediction delivered by Clark Little, post chaplain.

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