

Czar, Frank

## Sergeant Czar Is Awarded Additional Merit Ribbon

Top Sergeant Frank Czar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Czar, 511 Spring Street, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart, and two Oak Leaf Clusters, has been awarded the Bronze Star by Maj. Gen. Craig for "heroic action against the enemy" in Belgium.

A shy, unassuming youth, Sgt. Czar would never reveal the stories of his daring that were flashed across teletypes of the Associated Press since being sent overseas in October, 1942. According to his sister, Erma, his letters home were very brief and consisted mainly of reports about his health. The newspapers and Army releases sent to his parents, however, told the story.

Sgt. Czar participated in the battles of North Africa, where he received the Distinguished Service Cross, November 8, 1942, "for accompanying two enlisted men in an assault on a lighthouse, crossing barbed wire under heavy fire and capturing 12 Nazis." He was a member of the 9th Infantry Division, considered the crack U. S. Army unit in the North African theatre of war.

Wounded three times, he holds the Purple Heart and two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was first wounded in North Africa and sent to England where he helped train troops preparing for the invasion of occupied Europe.

He and the men he had trained in England participated in the initial landings in France, where he was wounded the second time, June 10,



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... thrice wounded, much-decorated "Top Kicker"

1944. After recuperating, Sgt. Czar caught up to his men at the front lines again and was wounded somewhere in Germany.

Prior to enlisting, he was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. One of ten children, his brother, Opl. Victor Czar, is with an anti-aircraft unit somewhere in Italy at present.

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