

Iasiello, Benjamin A.

### **Cited For Aiding Wounded Soldier Under Enemy Fire**

Benjamin A. Iasiello, sergeant in the U. S. Infantry, fighting in Italy, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal according to a First Armored Division release.

The citation accompanying the award stated that Sgt. Iasiello was sent forward with a squad of men to feel out enemy positions but due to intense machine gun fire, the squad was ordered to withdraw. While withdrawing he discovered a member of his squad had been wounded and realizing it was impossible to evacuate the wounded man at the time, he administered first aid. While another man went to the rear to secure a litter, Sgt. Iasiello, although under intense fire, stayed with the wounded man, continuing to dress his wounds and protect him until a litter team was brought forward.

At brief ceremonies during which the award was made, Lieut. Howard Strohl, Iasiello's former platoon leader, was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Iasiello, reside at 210 West Broad Street.

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