

Jones, Robert P.

Soldier Died Saving Pals, Army Reports

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, 1421 Chelsea Avenue, received a communication from the War Department in Washington, D. C., stating that their son, the late Pfc. Robert P. Jones, of the Field Artillery, has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star for daring and decisive action under heavy enemy fire. Pfc. Jones was directly responsible for having saved the lives of 50 or more of his comrades, the letter stated.

The letter reads in part, "A burning vehicle had caused a road block and jammed traffic within excellent hostile observation. The enemy, noticing the accumulation of vehicles, rapidly fired both 88's and heavy artillery with considerable volume. Pfc. Jones realizing the seriousness of the situation fearlessly and without regard for his personal safety assumed the task of directing traffic to cover. This courageous act resulted in severe wounds followed by his death, the next day, February 25, 1945. Heroism and high regard for his comrades displayed by this gallant soldier are in keeping with the highest tradition of the armed forces."

The decoration will be forwarded to the commanding general of the Third Service Command who will select an officer to make the presentation. The letter was signed by Brigadier General Edward F. Wittsell.

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