

Czar, Frank J,  
Victor  
William

## HONOR FOR LOCAL SOLDIER

**Frank Czar is Decorated With  
Distinguished Service  
Cross** DEC 28 1942

Spending his 23rd birthday helping American forces land in French North Africa, Corporal Frank L. Czar, infantry, son of John and Theresa Czar, 511 Spring Street, won the Distinguished Service Cross, according to an announcement today by the U. S. War Department, Washington, D. C.

Erma Czar, a sister, said this afternoon that the news dispatch is the first knowledge that the family received that Corporal Czar was in combat with the enemy. She said that the family received a letter from him Saturday that was written December 12 in Africa, but all her brother said was that he had not received much mail and was playing a lot of football and baseball.

What Corporal Czar had done under fire on November 8, during the invasion, and three days after his birthday on November 5, was told by the Associated Press.

Heroism displayed in the North African campaign brought decorations to nine United States officers and enlisted men, among them Major General Ernest N. Harmon and Brig. Gen. Lucien K. Truscott.

The War Department announced today that the decorations were presented by Major General George S. Patton, commanding general of the western task force in the North African operations, at a recent ceremony at the American headquarters in Morocco.

Among others who were decorated was:

1 Corpl. Frank L. Czar, infantry, of  
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### Distinguished Service Cross.

Czar won his decoration by accompanying two enlisted men in an assault on a lighthouse on November 8, crossing barbed wire under heavy fire and capturing 12 of the resisting force. Later he helped to man an abandoned enemy anti-tank gun in full view of the enemy, de-

stroying one enemy tank and delaying an enemy attack. That feat was made doubly difficult because part of the breach of the gun had been removed.

"We are very happy," commented Erma when asked what she thought of the news. "Up until his letter came Saturday we had not heard from Frank in two and one-half months. He was last at Fort Bragg, N. C., after having trained in Georgia." She spoke for her parents who could not understand English over the telephone.

Corporal Czar is one of ten children. Another brother, Victor Czar, was inducted into the Army, November 23, and a brother, William, is also registered with Bethlehem Selective Service Board No. 3. Corporal Czar is a graduate of Liberty High School and was a grinder at the Bethlehem Steel Company for two and one-half years before his induction. He was inducted into the Army July 25, 1941, and liked his life in the Army, his sister said. He was born November 5, 1918.

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