

George Fred Bergbower Is Posthumously Awarded Silver Star Medal 12/8/44

Mr. and Mrs. George Bergbower of St. Peter vicinity east of Newton were presented with the Silver Star medal, awarded posthumously to their son, Staff Sergeant George Fred Bergbower, who was killed in action at Bougainville in the Solomons, January 20, 1944. The presentation was made by Captain Charles H. McFarland of Decatur, commander of area one, district three, of the Sixth Corps area, Wednesday.

"Fritz" was one of the first soldiers to land in Australia after the Jap attack at Pearl Harbor three years ago, Thursday, and had participated in much of the fighting in the Southwest Pacific with an Infantry regiment. The medal was awarded for extraordinary heroism in the fighting in Bougainville in which he lost his life.