

## *Major Charles Edward*

## *Girhard Is Awarded*

## *Legion of Merit* 9/15/44

Major Charles Edward Girhard, son of Principal and Mrs. C. E. Girhard of Newton, has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal by General MacArthur, he writes his parents. He was recently promoted from captain to major.

Major Girhard is a code expert attached to MacArthur's staff and has been stationed in Australia since early in 1943, when he flew from Washington to Melbourne. It is his duty and that of the men under him to solve enemy code messages and decipher them, and to devise ways of making our own communications safer.

### **Visiting Here**

Sergeant Wayne Foltz is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foltz of Northwest Wade township. He was wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel on the Anzio beachhead. He said that he had had little sleep for three days and lay down without digging a foxhole.

He participated in four beachhead assaults—North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. He says that for several days after the Anzio landings it looked as though the Germans would push us back into the sea and probably would have done so if the weather hadn't cleared so as to permit airplanes to operate again after a lull.

### **Vincent Huber Recovering**

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Huber of Sainte Marie have received a letter from their son, Staff Sergeant Vincent F. Huber, dated September 1, stating that he is getting along fine and hopes to get back to join his outfit soon.

He has been in a hospital in England since he received injuries July 30, in action in France.