

**Silver Star**  
**First Lieutenant Joseph Richard Uhler**  
**Cited for Gallantry**

**Presented Medal for Gallantry During North African Campaign**

First Lieutenant Joseph Richard Uhler, son of Mrs. Leopold Uhler of 165 Horrock Street, has been presented the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the North African campaign. The citation reads:

“In April 1943, during operations in the valley, Tunisia, Lt. Uhler by his calm and cool leadership was a great inspiration to his men under heavy artillery fire and prevented his unit from being disorganized. Even after he had lost half of his transportation and several of his men, he continued to occupy his position until ordered to withdraw. During the same afternoon, under fire, he advanced to one of his vehicles, which was burning, and assisted his men in putting out the fire, even though there was a box of anti-tank mines burning and approximately 80 rounds of 75mm ammunition on the vehicle, which was likely to explode at any time. Lt. Uhler’s courageous leadership and devotion to duty is a credit to the armed forces and deserving of the highest praise.”

Lt. Uhler, aged 22, took part in six battles during the African campaign as a member of a tank destroyer division. He was made a first lieutenant under fire during the battle of Kasserine Pass.

The officer graduated from Johnstown High where he played football and from the Georgia Military College in 1942. He immediately entered service and six weeks later was sent overseas.

A brother, Pvt. Leo Uhler, 27, has been on duty with the army since last April and is now stationed at Fort Ord, California.

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