

THE SERVICE PARADE

Silver Star Awarded Miamian Posthumously

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In a colorful ceremony which included a review of the cadet corps at Bainbridge, Md., tribute was paid to the memory of a former Miamian who lost his life in the Tunisian campaign.

The soldier, **T-5 Leon Bush**, 26, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his bravery in carrying out an important mission that cost him his life.

Corp. Bush, who lived here with an aunt, Mrs. Alex Tucker, 2340 N. W. 52nd st., worked as a plasterer before entering the Army in 1942.

Information sent his fiancee, Miss Ruth Englund, 1718 N. W. 84th st., described the circumstances which brought the highest tributes from Army officials.

"He was sent with a portable radio and three men to establish a post from which to observe enemy artillery battery which was subjecting his company to heavy fire. Despite intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Bush maintained his post on a bare ridge without cover and relayed the sendings of the observer by radio to his company commander who in turn passed them on to a friendly artillery unit which fired on the enemy battery and silenced it."

In presenting the Silver Star to the Miamian's father, Burrell B. Bush, Colquitt, Ga., the commanding officer said Bush was killed by enemy mortar shell while at his post.

Two of the men assigned to the mission were killed starting up the hill, but Bush and one other got to the top and carried out their work. Bush was ordered to come down but asked his company commander to be allowed to stay at his post and direct the firing, knowing it was almost certain death.



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