



Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney

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Marshfield Soldier, Slain in Papua, Honored by MacArthur

Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney of Marshfield, who gave his life in defense of his country in New Guinea on Nov. 20, 1942, was posthumously awarded the coveted Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Douglas MacArthur at Allied Headquarters in Australia today.

Staff Sgt. Cherney was one of three American soldiers who gave their lives in service near Buna and were posthumously honored today by the commander-in-chief of the American forces in the Pacific.

His citation said:

"Staff Sgt. Carl J. Cherney led his company in an attack against the enemy positions. He advanced ahead of his men, through heavy enemy machinegun and mortar fire, encouraging them by his example.

"Staff Sgt. Cherney's fine leadership and forceful driving power was responsible in a large part for the success of these attacks. On several occasions he aided wounded men to withdraw from the field which was under heavy enemy machinegun fire. Staff Sgt. Cherney was killed during this action."

The other two men cited were Maj. Edmund R. P. Schroeder of Oconto and Lt. John W. Crow, Arlington, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Cherney, who was a member of Company C of the 128th Regiment, Wisconsin National Guard, for four years prior to his induction into the United States Army in October, 1940, is survived by his wife, the former Marian Michalski, a one-month-old daughter, Mary Ellen, his mother, Mrs. Ida Cherney, a sister, Marie, and two brothers, Roy and James.

He was the second Marshfield soldier to receive a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross, the first being First Sgt. Reuben J. Steyer, 25, who was killed in the same action.

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