
Bowyer Commissioned

FORT BENNING. Ga., Mar. 20. —Dale E. Bowyer of Manchester, Kan., was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army of the United States last week upon successful completion of the Officer Candidate Course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Lt. Bowyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bowyer of Manchester, Kan.

The new lieutenant was inducted into the army on July 13, 1943 and served with the S.U. 3710 before going to Officer Candidate School four months ago. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned.

The new officer is a graduate of Dickinson County Community high school, Chapman, Kansas and Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kan.

Wins Bronze Star

Lt. Dale Bowyer Cited for Heroic Action During German Counterattack

2nd Lt. Dale E. Bowyer, who lost a foot in action in France, January 26, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Germany, January 16, it has been announced.

Lieutenant Bowyer has now returned to the army hospital at Brigham City, Utah, after spending a 30-day furlough with his wife and parents at Manchester. He has been in the army since July of 1942 and went to Europe last May.

Following is the citation which accompanied the Bronze Star award:

"After setting up defenses in a recently-captured town, an enemy force, estimated to be a reinforced platoon, attacked his positions. A terrific enemy artillery barrage severed communications. In the ensuing action, part of his unit was forced to withdraw to new positions after heavy enemy pressure. Despite these handicaps, he fearlessly and efficiently directed his platoon in resisting the counterattack by numerically superior forces and during the engagement he and his men killed four of the attackers and captured a machine gun. His heroic actions and unswerving devotion to duty were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."