

## Bronze Star Is Awarded Man Lost in Action

The Bronze Star Medal with Letter "V" device for heroic achievement against the enemy has been conferred upon Cpl. Donald P. Hardinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardinger, route 4, Marshfield, who has been presumed dead by the Army since earlier this year.

According to the citation: "Cpl. (then private first class) Hardinger, a member of Battery A of the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Sokkogae, Korea. On July 6, 1953, Cpl. Hardinger was a member of a forward observer party when the position was attacked by enemy forces.

"Cpl. Hardinger's position was under intense enemy sniper, mortar and artillery fire, but he moved out of the observation post into an adjoining trench and engaged the enemy with small arms fire and hand grenades.

"With complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl. Hardinger joined the infantry elements and assisted in the defense of the outpost when his observation post was completely destroyed."

The medal was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Hardinger, and was conferred by command of Col. J. E. Bastion Jr., chief of staff of the 7th Infantry Division. By request of the soldiers' parents, no formal presentation was made.

The Purple Heart Medal is being forwarded to Mrs. Hardinger, along with the United Nations Service Medal and the ribbon bar pertinent to the Korean Service Medal, with one bronze service star.

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