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**1 LT John S. Karnash**

**Class 65-43**

**ID: O1182155**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Allegheny County, PA**

**Status: KIA April 12, 1945**



**Silver Star**



**(Citation Needed): John S. Karnash, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy, while serving with the 12th Armored Division, during World War II.**

**General Orders: Headquarters, 12th Armored Division, General Orders No. 89 (1945)**

Source: 12th Armored Division Scrapbook – “It’s Great to be a Hellcat”

**1st. Lts. George E. Lindley,  
John S. Karnash HQ/495th A.F.A.**  
1st Lts. George E. Lindley and  
John S. Karnash received the  
Silver Star Medal posthumously  
for their actions as Forward  
Observers. They lost their lives  
when their observation plane was  
shot down by an enemy fighter  
plane near Uffenheim, Germany.

From the Pittsburg Press, August 22, 1948

Lt. Karnash was a pilot with the  
Air Division of the Field Artillery.  
He completed 150 flights over enemy  
territory.

A former mail clerk for the Penn-  
sylvania Railroad, he entered serv-  
ice in October, 1942. He held the  
Purple Heart, Air Medal with five  
oak-leaf clusters and the Silver  
Star.

*Buried in Saint Mary Czestochowa Cemetery, White Oak, Pennsylvania*