

With the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion at Bad Klosterlausnitz, Germany.

Sgt. James V. Christiano, formerly of 158 Hill street, Waterbury, Conn., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement.

Sgt. Christiano, a member of this battalion for 26 months has participated in the five major campaigns on the European Continent.

Going into action with the 6th Armored Division at the Normandy breakthrough on July 27, 1944, the 603rd has fought with the "Super Sixth" in the Brest Campaign, the breakthrough at Nomeny, followed by the battles of the Saar Basin and the cracking of the Nazi counter-offensive around Bastogne.

Across the Palatinate, over the Rhine and deep into the heart of Germany, the 603rd has earned the reputation of being the best TD battalion in Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. The enviable record of having destroyed 115 enemy tanks and self propelled guns while losing only eight TD's is a tribute to the stamina and courage of the vehicles and men.

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