

C I T A T I O N

Bronze Star Medal

Technician Fifth Grade Veryll E. Magneson, 818<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Bn, HQ Company, United States Army. "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy near Esch-sur-la-Sure, Luxembourg, on 19 January 1945. On the morning of 19 January 1945, an urgent call for ammunition came from the tank destroyer positions of Company C near Bavigne. The road to the company's position was narrow, steep and mountainous and passed through Esch-sur-la-Sure. Technician Fifth Grade Magneson, a headquarters company driver carrying the load of requested ammunition in his vehicle, observed that the latter town was under direct enemy artillery fire but, with utter disregard for personal safety, persisted in his efforts to get the essential ammunition through to the company. Driving through the shelled area, he was wounded on the side of his head by an enemy shell fragment. Nevertheless, Fifth Grade Magneson courageously kept his vehicle on the road as he stopped to receive first aid treatment from personnel in the following truck. He then heroically drove on until the mission was completed, following which he reported to the battalion aid station for treatment. His courage, initiative and unusual devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Technician Fifth Grade Magneson and the armed forces of the United States."