

# Awards and Decorations



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS



### CITATION

LIEUTENANT COLONEL W. M. HERNANDEZ, 0191305, Field Artillery, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action on 20 August 1944 near St. Vincent de Bois, France. With utter disregard for his own safety Lieutenant Colonel Hernandez personally directed the fire of one of his Tank Destroyers, silencing the enemy fire and enabling the forward movement of our troops to continue. His continuous presence with the forward elements combined with his exemplary judgement and leadership, maintained in the face of intense enemy fire, during which he was fatally wounded, set an inspiring example for his command, and are worthy of the best traditions of the service.

### CITATION

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEON A. RENNEBAUM, 01822055, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 16 and 17 September 1944, in Germany. In a stubborn engagement with superior enemy forces attempting to encircle a hill held by our troops, First Lieutenant Rennebaum risked his life on innumerable occasions to bring effective fire from his Tank Destroyers in support of the Infantry. Time and time again, he braved devastating enemy artillery fire, moving on foot to forward elements of the Infantry and to his Tank Destroyer units to direct their fire upon the enemy. When three of his Destroyers were disabled, First Lieutenant Rennebaum coolly and calmly supervised their evacuation under fire and personally returned to the scene of action to recover a remaining vehicle. On another occasion, he courageously drove to the crest of a hill subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire, and, from his exposed position, singlehandedly poured a hail of machine gun fire into attacking hostile troops, forcing them to retreat. Entered Military Service from New Jersey.





## FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE



### CITATION



Le President Du Gouvernement Provisoire De la  
Republique Francaise, Chef des Armees, cite:

### A L'ORDRE DU REGIMENT

"pour services exceptionnels du Guerre rendus au  
cours des operations de" liberation de la France:

S/Sgt. John A. Koczan 32071163

628th Tank Destroyer Bn,  
5th Armored Division

Les presentes Citations comportent l'attribution de  
la Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Bronze.

PARIS, le 25 Jan 1945.

Le General de Gattle President du GPRF.  
P. O. LE GENERAL D'ARMEE JUIN  
Chef d'Etat-Major General  
de la Defense Nationale.

Signe: JUIN

P. A. Le Colonel MISSONER  
Directeur du Cabinet de l' E. M. G. D. N.

Signe: MISSONIER

# SILVER STAR MEDAL

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION



Ist Lt. Basil Belew . . . . .	B Co.
Ist Lt. Roland A. Eubank . . . . .	B Co.
Ist Lt. Frank E. Hurt, Jr. . . . .	B Co.
S/Sgt. John C. Boatti . . . . .	A Co.
S/Sgt. Gilbert N. Moser . . . . .	B Co.
S/Sgt. Daniel W. Scanlon . . . . .	C Co.
Sgt. Stanley Z. Basak . . . . .	C Co.
Sgt. Wendell A. Chamberlin . . . . .	C Co.
Sgt. Lawrence A. Elmore . . . . .	B Co.
Sgt. John Kalis . . . . .	B Co.
T/4 Allie R. Claycomb . . . . .	Medics
Cpl. Bobbie C. Bush . . . . .	A Co.
T/5 William J. Walters . . . . .	B Co.
T/5 Russell K. Burden . . . . .	Medics
Pfc. Leonard R. Brill . . . . .	A Co.
Pfc. George W. Dignan . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
Pvt. Alfred B. Ames . . . . .	B Co.
Pvt. Warren J. Beam . . . . .	Medics

## BRONZE STAR MEDAL



### HEROIC SERVICE

Capt. Robert C. Jones . . . . .	C Co.	Cpl. Leo McCartney . . . . .	B Co.
1st Lt. Louie Duchscherer . . . . .	B Co.	Cpl. George O'Brien . . . . .	A Co.
1st Lt. Ben J. Smith . . . . .	C Co.	Cpl. Joseph L. Olschbeck . . . . .	A Co.
2nd Lt. Robert C. Joyce . . . . .	Rcn. Co.	Cpl. Patrick P. Pennetti . . . . .	B Co.
1st Sgt. Mike Lewka . . . . .	A Co.	T/5 Harold J. Ashby . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
T/Sgt. John J. Slavinski . . . . .	Hq. Co.	T/5 William J. Boyer . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
S/Sgt. William J. Barth . . . . .	Rcn. Co.	T/5 Sam Coschignano . . . . .	Medics
Sgt. George A. De Lia . . . . .	B Co.	T/5 Floyd Davidson . . . . .	Medics
Sgt. Lawrence A. Elmore . . . . .	B Co.	Pfc. Abe J. Avvic, Jr. . . . .	A Co.
Sgt. Michael A. Kull . . . . .	B Co.	Pfc. Arthur P. Dewey . . . . .	Medics
Sgt. Doyle E. Swilley . . . . .	A Co.	Pfc. Charles W. Lamoreaux . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
Cpl. Jack T. Crawford . . . . .	A Co.	Pfc. William Nicholson . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
Cpl. Earl Daniel . . . . .	A Co.	Pfc. William E. Brundage . . . . .	B Co.

### MERITORIOUS SERVICE

*Lt. Col. William J. Gallagher . . . . .	Hq. Co.	M/Sgt. George A. Howell . . . . .	Hq. Co.
*Major Hal A. Burgess, Jr. . . . .	Hq. Co.	M/Sgt. Paul L. Kirkpatrick . . . . .	Hq. Co.
Major Joseph A. Pataliva . . . . .	Hq. Co.	T Sgt. Marvin Allred . . . . .	B Co.
Capt. Joseph F. Bayer . . . . .	Hq. Co.	T/Sgt. Ernest L. Kirshbaum . . . . .	Hq. Co.
Capt. Francis Tillman England . . . . .	Medics	S/Sgt. Carl Gutterman . . . . .	C Co.
Capt. James H. Lloyd . . . . .	A Co.	S Sgt. Herman A. Fittery . . . . .	Medics
Capt. Paul L. McPherran . . . . .	B Co.	S/Sgt. John Koczan . . . . .	A Co.
Capt. Elmer V. Sparks . . . . .	Hq. Co.	S Sgt. Roy E. Mellring . . . . .	Hq. Co.
Capt. Daniel T. Thomas . . . . .	Hq. Co.	S Sgt. Dominic A. Tombarrini . . . . .	C Co.
Capt. Arthur L. Travis . . . . .	Hq. Co.	T/4 Rene J. Webster, Jr. . . . .	Hq. Co.
*Capt. John S. Wright . . . . .	Hq. Co.	Cpl. Jacob A. Koetje . . . . .	A Co.
1st Lt. David Doerr . . . . .	Rcn. Co.	T/5 Paul W. Barnes . . . . .	Medics
1st Lt. David C. French . . . . .	C Co.	T/5 Alonzo H. Edlin . . . . .	Medics
*1st Lt. Glenn O. Garber, Jr. . . . .	A Co.	Pfc. George P. Hassen . . . . .	C Co.
1st Lt. Charles H. Geissel . . . . .	Rcn. Co.	Pfc. Kenneth O. Young . . . . .	Med. Co.
1st Lt. Herbert A. Pratte . . . . .	C Co.	Pvt. Vernon R. Adams . . . . .	Rcn. Co.
WOJG Frank E. Gerlach . . . . .	Hq. Co.	Pvt. Glenn C. Souders . . . . .	Hq. Co.

\*Indicates Oak Leaf Cluster

# PURPLE HEART MEDAL



## Headquarters Company

1st Lt. Edward V. Jahoda  
 T/Sgt. Roy Haupt  
 Cpl. John J. Jago  
 T/5 Joseph Blozitis  
 T/5 Edgar H. English  
 T/5 Michael Wojtyszyn  
 Pfc. Joe Walls  
 Pvt. David F. Downs  
 Pvt. Martin M. Ellmer

## "A" Company

1st Lt. Daniel C. French  
 1st Lt. Glenn O. Garber Jr.  
 2nd Lt. E. V. Winchester  
 1st Sgt. Mike Lewka  
 Sgt. George H. Fieldhouse  
 Sgt. Donald T. Hayward  
 Sgt. Chester E. Kapica  
 Sgt. Emil L. Locateifi  
 Sgt. Francis Scanlon  
 T/4 Ettore DiSarro  
 T/4 William D. Wendelken  
 Cpl. Anthony D. Condello  
 \*Cpl. Peter Jacquinto  
 \*Cpl. Pete Kanischok  
 Cpl. George Kee  
 Cpl. Bishop R. Love Jr.  
 Cpl. George T. O'Brien  
 Cpl. Frank J. Tartaglia  
 Cpl. Jesse G. Hunter  
 T/5 Nunzio J. Rappa  
 Pfc. William H. Austin  
 Pfc. Donald M. Ryder  
 Pfc. Donald H. Schacht  
 Pfc. Luther E. Sells  
 Pfc. Benny M. Youzopovitch  
 Pvt. Howard C. Brown

## "B" Company

1st Lt. Roland A. Eubank  
 S/Sgt. Marvin R. Phillips  
 \*S/Sgt. Willie M. Stephens  
 Sgt. Freeman P. Caretti  
 Sgt. Lawrence W. Elmore  
 Sgt. Anthony M. Marrapese  
 Sgt. Louis P. Matchinski  
 Sgt. Patrick P. Pennetti  
 Sgt. Herbert A. West  
 Sgt. Edward W. Barth  
 Sgt. Michael A. Kull Jr.  
 Cpl. Adrian Smith  
 Cpl. Adam S. Kiwiore  
 Cpl. Joseph P. Louisa  
 Cpl. Richard Meehan  
 T/5 William Ayers

## "B" Company

T/5 Ernest Caudill  
 T/5 William L. Grizzle  
 T/5 Joseph S. Monaco  
 T/5 William Walters  
 T/5 Nicholas J. Valenti  
 Pfc. Edward C. De Witt  
 Pfc. Jont R. Greene  
 Pfc. Vincent Iacona  
 Pfc. Joseph P. Keller  
 Pfc. Henry J. Maslowski  
 Pfc. Theodore Spalte  
 Pfc. William G. Van Pelt  
 Pfc. William J. Yaker  
 Pfc. Joseph J. Ward  
 Pfc. Otis Banks  
 Pfc. Walter Lindewall  
 Pfc. Samuel Kurtz  
 Pfc. James E. Smith  
 Pfc. Frank G. Lynn  
 Pfc. Teddy Ozana  
 \*\*Pfc. Alfred B. Ames

## "C" Company

1st Lt. Seymour Feldman  
 1st Lt. Carl A. Forslund  
 1st Lt. Herbert A. Pratte  
 T/Sgt. Joseph S. Drost  
 \*S/gt. Carl Gutterman  
 S/gt. Charles Howlett Jr.  
 S/Sgt. Daniel D. Scanlon  
 Sgt. Frank R. Balogh  
 Sgt. Stanley Z. Basak  
 Sgt. Robert Fritz  
 Sgt. William J. Kane  
 Sgt. Joseph J. Riley  
 Sgt. Ursin Trahan  
 \*Sgt. Edwin Van Vliet  
 T/4 Arthur A. Lenlinger  
 T/4 Elmer H. Knopf  
 \*T/4 Joseph J. Malvestuto  
 T/4 Charles E. Morgan

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\*T/4 Oscar J. Schneider  
 T/4 Stoy M. Smith  
 Cpl. Upton S. Apling  
 \*Cpl. Victor Gamma  
 Cpl. Ashbey C. Long  
 Cpl. Steve Tepkowski  
 Cpl. Charles J. Sarneski  
 Cpl. Chester B. Singleton  
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 \*T/5 Arthur B. Stancil  
 T/5 George W. Yusko  
 Pfc. Lloyd J. Hale  
 Pfc. Robert W. Herman  
 Pfc. Walter Kieler  
 \*Pfc. William W. Le Page  
 Pfc. Matthew R. Politylo  
 Pfc. David Romig  
 Pfc. Harold W. Taylor  
 Pfc. William T. Tomlin  
 \*Pfc. James W. Carrol  
 Pvt. Judas E. Dixon  
 Pvt. Dan Kelton  
 Pvt. Gilbert L. Kluska  
 Pvt. Thomas J. Linane  
 Pvt. Carmine Monte Jr.  
 Pvt. Alfonse M. Wilkowski

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 2nd Lt. Floyd M. Springer  
 2nd Lt. Craig L. Vinson  
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 S/Sgt. Arthur P. Puffer  
 Sgt. Dudley W. Carter  
 T/5 Harold J. Ashby  
 T/5 William J. Boyer  
 Pfc. Kenneth C. Bishop  
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 Pfc. Kenneth Stephey  
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 Pvt. Bernie O. Garrison  
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 Pvt. Miles C. Kent  
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 Pvt. Marvin T. Rogers  
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S/Sgt. Anthony J. Kapitan  
S/Sgt. Merle Mountz  
S/Sgt. Daniel Wagner Jr.  
Sgt. Lassie Moore  
Sgt. Harry H. Tobin  
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T/4 Wayne M. Lowery  
T/4 Donald Vazakes  
T/4 Frank Vervaeet Jr.  
T/4 Charles M. Westphal  
T/5 Sylvester Karwowski  
T/5 Walter W. Petrick  
T/5 Richard E. Williams  
T/5 Anthony Zanis  
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Pfc. Paul W. Tibbetts Jr.  
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T/4 Leonard R. Brill  
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T/4 DeMont H. Roller  
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Cpl. Finley J. McGimpsey  
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S/Sgt. Marvin P. Phillips  
S/Sgt. Walter Kohlage  
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Sgt. Joseph P. Louisa  
Sgt. Edward G. David  
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T/4 Robert H. Bratton  
T/5 Frank A. Hackimer

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S/Sgt. LeRoy J. Mercier  
Sgt. Robert Fritz  
Sgt. Nelson W. Galle  
Sgt. Vincent P. Meecham  
Sgt. Chester B. Singleton  
Sgt. Edward Van Vliet Jr.  
Sgt. Luther W. Womach  
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T/4 Stewart C. Williams  
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Cpl. Curtis W. Griffith  
Cpl. Steve Lepkowski  
Cpl. Charles J. Sarnecki  
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Pfc. Raymond C. Fields  
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Pfc. Ame R. Pena  
Pfc. Julian Zarate  
Pvt. Dan Helton  
Pvt. Joseph Kustos

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S/Sgt. Albert L. Klosewicz  
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Sgt. William J. Boyer  
Sgt. Dudley W. Carter  
Sgt. Ermand Desiderio  
Sgt. George A. Fladd  
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Sgt. Frank W. Satchall  
Sgt. John F. Shovlin  
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T/4 Laurel A. Fales  
T/4 Arnold M. Landskroener  
T/4 Franklin T. Wilson  
Cpl. Henry J. Katula Jr.  
T/5 Harold R. Austin Jr.  
T/5 Edward V. Weselinski  
T/5 Clarence E. Wolfe

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