

# D.S.C. AWARDED TO PARENTS OF DEAD SOLDIER

## Edward Stannard Gave His Life in France to Save Platoon

Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Sergeant Edward Stannard 3rd of Queens Village for extraordinary heroism in action was announced today by the Army.

Sergeant Stannard was killed in France Aug. 8, 1944.

The medal, together with the Purple Heart and one of the last parchment scroll citations signed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, were presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stannard at their home, 92-14 214th place.

The citation for the DSC, second highest of all medals awarded by the armed forces, told how Sergeant Stannard's tank destroyer platoon was in action against an enemy fortification in France the day he was killed.

"When a strong group of the enemy attacked," it related, "Sergeant Stannard manned a machine gun on a half-track while another soldier drove the vehicle forward into the face of enemy fire."

### Wounded Twice

"The courageous sergeant was wounded twice but continued firing until he was killed. His conspicuous heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military service."

The scroll signed by President Roosevelt concluded with these words:

"He stands in an unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives and through it he lives—in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

Sergeant Stannard, who was 22, enlisted in the National Guard at Hempstead when he was 17. When the Guard was federalized in the fall of 1940 he was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., and later to Camp Hood, Texas, for training. He went overseas in January, 1944, and served with the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion.