

HEADQUARTERS
607TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 230

29 May 1945

Subject; Recommendation for Award of Decoration.

TO : Commanding General, 87th Infantry Division, APO 448, US Army.

1. It is recommended that a Bronze Star
(Name of decoration)

be awarded to 1ST LT ELLIOTT SCHECHTER, 01822317, FA (TD), Ren Co, 607 TD
(Grade, name, ASN and unit) En

then same as above, Serving as a Platoon Leader
(If same as above, so state) (T/O Duty)

with specific duty as Reconnaissance Platoon Leader assigned to
Reconnaissance Company, 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for his action
(Unit)

under the following circumstances:

- a. Date: 18 March 1945
- b. Time: 1300 hours
- c. Location: Near Coblenz, Germany
- d. Weather: Clear
- e. Visibility: Excellent
- f. Terrain: City
- g. Type and number of enemy troops: One company of Wehrmacht & SS
- h. Hostile observation: Excellent
- i. Atmospheric conditions: Clear
- j. Morale: enemy Excellent own Excellent
- k. Was individual killed? No wounded? No

FACTS:

1ST LT ELLIOTT SCHECHTER while serving with the army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations not involving participation in aerial flight against an enemy of the United States.

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During the attack on Fort Konstantin, near Coblenz, Germany
1ST LT SCHECHTER, a reconnaissance platoon leader, constantly exposed
himself, although within range and excellent observation from the enemy
fort, in order to find firing position for the tank destroyers he was
attached to. 1ST LT SCHECHTER performed these dangerous missions on
foot in order to best control the tank destroyers he was leading into
position. *see photo of mined m35*

Despite the fact that an anti-tank mine explosion
away had shaken and dazed him 1ST LT SCHECHTER stayed with the tank
destroyers he was attached to, reconnoitered a passaged through the
mine field while under intense small arms and mortar fire and completed
his mission enabling the tank destroyers to move into advantageous firing
positions and carry out a successful attack.

1ST LT SCHECHTER'S zeal in performing these dangerous missions,
his steadfast devotion to duty though badly shaken and dazed by a very
near mine explosion are in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Army.

2. a. Names, address, relationship of nearest relatives:
Mrs Millie Schechter, 50 Vassar Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, Mother.

b. This individual entered military service from Newark
New Jersey.

c. This individual has no previous awards.

d. The entire service of this individual has been honorable
since the rendition by him of the act of service on which this
recommendation is based.

3. a. No similar recommendation for this individual has been
submitted.

b. I have personal knowledge of the facts states in paragraph
one.

/s/ Richard H. Seidel
/t/ RICHARD H. SEIDEL
1st Lt., FA (TD)
Co C, 607 TD Bn

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY C, 607th TANK DESTROYER BN., APO 230, US Army, */hfm*
29 May 1945. 1st Ind.

TO: Commanding Officer, 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 230,
US Army.

Approved.

/s/ Ernest W. Long
/t/ ERNEST W. LONG
Capt., FA
Comdg, Co C