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UNITED STATES ARMY**

*This*  
**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

*is awarded to*

*Sgt Victor J. Wurauskos*

IN RECOGNITION OF CONSPICUOUSLY MERITORIOUS AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF MILITARY DUTY

against the enemy in Germany  
on 3 March 1945

*Citation*

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT--CITATION

Staff Sergeant (then sergeant) Victor J. Murauskos (Army Serial Number 32402250) Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, is awarded the CERTIFICATE OF MERIT in recognition of conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of military duty in connection with Military Operations against the enemy in Germany on 3 March 1945. At that time the Third Battalion of the 414th Infantry Regiment was pinned to the ground by a strong concentration of enemy anti-tank gun, mortar, and small arms fire while attempting to seize an important German town. Staff Sergeant Murauskos, Gun Commander of a Tank Destroyer Gun in the second platoon of Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, volunteered to neutralize this strong point since artillery could not be brought to bear on it effectively. A thorough reconnaissance revealed the fact that a suitable field of fire could be obtained only from a high ridge, to attain this position an exposed hazardous route had to be followed. The platoon, oriented as to the extreme danger involved in the execution of the mission, cheerfully and willingly volunteered as a complete platoon to accomplish the task. All through out the climb into positions they were subject to enemy mortar fire, and when they reached the top of the ridge, the enemy anti-tank guns opened fire directly on them. With unflinching courage and efficiency, they deployed into position and fired continuous volleys until the strong point had been neutralized and the Third Battalion of the 414th Infantry Regiment was able to successfully continue their assault of the German town. Staff Sergeant Murauskos's outstanding devotion to duty, and courageous conduct, exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered Military Service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Commanding.