



Distinguished Service Cross Citation

Lt. Col. William M. Hernandez

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Lieutenant Colonel (Field Artillery) William M. Hernandez (ASN: 0-191305), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 828th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in action against enemy forces 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 this 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 judgment and leadership, maintained in the face of intense enemy fire, during which he was fatally wounded, set an inspiring example of his command, and are worthy of the best traditions of the service.

General Orders: Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, General Orders No. 59 (1944)

Action Date: 20-Aug-44

Service: Army