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UNITED STATES ARMY  
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SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO : Major Baker D Newton, 0412062, Infantry, 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

CITATION

BAKER D NEWTON, 0412062, Major, (then Captain), Infantry, 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, in Italy. Major NEWTON was visiting Company "A" of this battalion, which was part of a task force driving towards the Po River. Throughout the afternoon, Major NEWTON was continuously at or near the head of the column. On many occasions he dismounted and searched out enemy troops from buildings and fields. At one point, near Magnacavalle, the force ran into sudden determined resistance and the leading tank, loaded with infantry, was knocked out by bazooka fire. Under intense small arms fire and intermittent self-propelled artillery fire, Major NEWTON supervised the evacuation of the wounded men and simultaneously pointed out targets to an armored car which took up position to return the fire. Major NEWTON displayed courage and disregard for his personal safety that served as an example of leadership to the men with him. Entered military service from Ferriday, Louisiana.

  
PAUL W. KENDALL,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.