

HEADQUARTERS 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL




"WE WILL"

*Award of the Bronze Star Medal*  
*Citation*

Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant) MERLE W. BRAY, O2015656, Field Artillery, 803d Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For distinctive heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 March 1945 near TREBUR, Germany. When the advancing infantry was pinned down by determined enemy fire, Lieutenant BRAY, an acting platoon leader, directed his two tank destroyers to within forty yards of enemy positions before opening fire and killing sixty and wounding thirty of the enemy. His heroic action enabled the infantry to resume their advance and accomplish their mission. His conscientious devotion to duty and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Washington.

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ALBERT E. BROWN  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding.