

HEADQUARTERS 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION
UNITED STATES ARMY
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30 October 1944

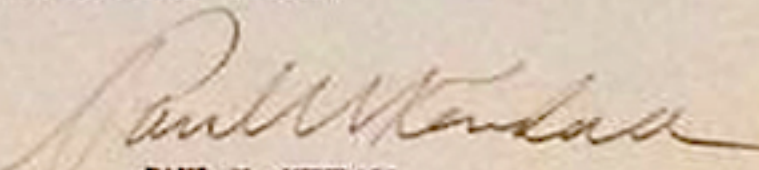
AG 200.6

SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal.

TO : Staff Sergeant Calvin F Curriden, 32270715, Company "A", 313th Engineer Combat Battalion.

CITATION

CALVIN F CURRIDEN, 32270715, Staff Sergeant, Company "A", 313th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1944, in the vicinity of Russi, Italy. During an intense shelling of his platoon, during which a fellow soldier had been struck and rendered unconscious, Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN went to the aid of his fallen comrade and carried him 75 yards, through the area being constantly shelled, to a covered position. The bravery and calmness of Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN in this incident reflects good credit upon himself and the armed services. Entered the military service from Penns Grove, New Jersey.



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

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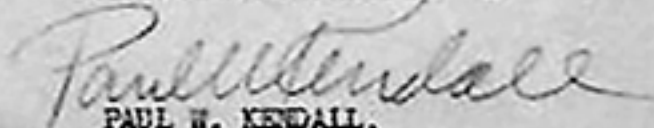
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SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.

TO : Staff Sergeant Calvin F Curriden, 32270715, Corps of Engineers,
Company "A", 313th Engineer Combat Battalion.

CITATION

CALVIN F CURRIDEN, 32270715, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 313th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action on 8 July 1944, in the vicinity of Rossi, Italy, and on 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of La Serra, Italy. In the vicinity of Rossi, Italy, Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN'S platoon was given the mission of clearing a road of mines. The area was in full view of the enemy and the parties were subjected to severe shelling from direct lay artillery. In the course of the operation the Platoon Commander was wounded and evacuated. Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN assumed command, and braving the fire, visited each of the parties, giving aid where it was needed and encouraging the men to further efforts in the face of the dangerous shelling. Again, on 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of La Serra, Italy, on a similar mission, the working party passed through the Infantry outpost lines and began to clear a road that was under enemy observation. Heavy sniper and machine gun fire forced the party to seek cover. When he was sure that his men were safe, Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN crawled up towards the enemy under cover of a wall and deliberately exposed himself to their fire in an effort to ferret out their positions, and to determine their strength. Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN continued to advance on the enemy positions, being fired upon each time he became visible until the enemy was forced back by Infantrymen on their flanks. Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN'S heroic act of exposing himself deliberately to an enemy of undetermined but considerable strength is indicative of the kind of spirit and devotion to duty which he has shown in his work throughout the combat activities of the 313th Engineer Combat Battalion. His conduct has been a splendid example to his men and has increased the effectiveness of their work under the severest conditions of terrain and enemy activity. Staff Sergeant CURRIDEN'S willingness and ability to lead his men into the most dangerous places has been a constant inspiration not only for his platoon, but for the rest of the Company. His acts have brought great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered service from Penns Grove, New Jersey.


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

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army

AG 210.1-AP

14 November 1944

Subject: Combat Appointment.

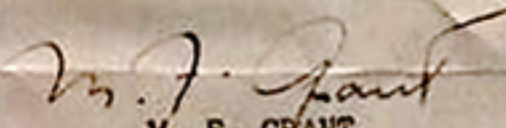
Through: Commanding General, 88th Infantry Division,
A. P. O. #38, U. S. Army.

To: S/Sgt. Calvin F. Carriden, 32270715,
313th Engineer Combat Battalion.

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in letter Headquarters NATCUSA, 16 May 1944, file AG 210.1/479-P, subject: Authority to Make Combat Appointments and Promotions in the AUS, you, having clearly demonstrated your fitness for commissioned grade through outstanding performance in actual combat, are hereby temporarily appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States, effective 14 November 1944, with rank from that date. This appointment, unless sooner terminated, will terminate automatically at the expiration of the present emergency and six months thereafter. Your serial number is 01540681.

2. This letter should be retained by you as evidence of your appointment as no commissions will be issued during the period of the war.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:


M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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EFFECTIVE 1945

EXTRACT

24 September 1945

16. If each of the following named O is held for active service 1-15 Center
of any home as indicated on date specified at midnight of which date he will
revert to inactive status. O will be issued Certificate of Service TD 200
Form 22-22. Terminal LV plus total travel time is granted off 25 Sep 45.
Temp status in AFE will continue in force during period of present emergency
and for air and thereafter unless sooner terminated by. POS. TSN. 501-32
F 431-02, CC 1 112/50425 3 22-222. INCORP are date O reverts to inactive
status. Authority: HR 1-5 Separations not by reason of physical disability.

NAME	HOME	TERMINAL LV	TTL TIME	REVERTS IN- ACTIVE STATUS
COL EUGENE WOLFEY Jr (1150414) CC	215 Cain St Tomball Ala	3 mos 20 days 2 days		17 Dec 45
CAPT ARNOLD V HILLIS (377551) CC	800 W 30th St Richmond Va	4 mos	1 day (TPA)	26 Jan 46
CAPT HERMAN V GIBSON (0315168) CC	215 Atlantic Lyn Franklin Pa	3 mos 11 days 2 days (TPA)		7 Jan 46
CAPT JOHN L YARDEN- BERRY (0309582) CC	124 Hall St Milverton Ark	3 mos 15 days 5 days (TPA)		30 Jan 46
✓ 1ST LT CALVIN F CURRIEN (01540581) CC	11241 Penna Grove Pa	13 days 1 day (TPA)		8 Oct 45
1ST LT JACK R ROOPER (01040581) CC	240 Arden Rd Columbus Ohio	3 mos 2 days 1 day		23 Dec 45

BY ORDER OF COLONEL INCHIEF:

ROBERT J COTTER
Captain, CC
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

John C. Schilling
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Captain, CC
Asst. Adj.

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PENNSGROVE HERO WINS PROMOTION

Calvin F. Curriden Three Times Wounded, Twice Decorated

Promotion of Calvin F. Curriden of Pennsgrove, from second lieutenant to first lieutenant on the Fifth Army front in Italy, was reported yesterday. He is with the 313th Combat Engineer Battalion.

Three times wounded and twice decorated for heroism, Curriden received a battlefield commission of second lieutenant last November after 10 months in combat with the 88th "Blue Devil" Infantry Division. He holds the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart with two clusters, and an European theatre ribbon with two battle stars.



