

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL--POSTHUMOUS

Eake DeMarco, 33371397, Private First Class, Company I, 16th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France, 6 June 1944. When his landing craft was destroyed by underwater mines, throwing men and equipment into the sea, Private DeMarco swam ashore, procured a rifle from a casualty and, despite heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and machine-gun fire, courageously joined a successful attack upon a numerically superior foe. In the performance of his heroic deeds, Private DeMarco was mortally wounded. Residence at enlistment: Reading, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Jennie DeMarco, Mother, 522 Weiser St., Reading, Pennsylvania.



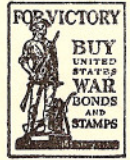
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CITATION FOR OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL--POSTHUMOUS

Eake DeMarco, 33371397, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 16th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sperlinga, Sicily, 26 July 1943. Fearlessly advancing in the face of almost certain death, Private DeMarco courageously directed effective fire upon the foe and assisted in seizure of a strategic objective. His heroic actions and unwavering devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the Service. Residence at enlistment: Reading, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Jennie DeMarco, Mother, 522 Weiser St., Reading, Pennsylvania.



GO No. 58,
Hq 1st US Inf Div,
17 March 1945.



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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

6 August 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPD-R 201 De Marco, Eake
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Mr. Ame De Marco
522 Weiser Street
Reading, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. De Marco:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Bronze Star Medal and one Oak-leaf Cluster, indicating an additional award of the Bronze Star Medal, have been posthumously awarded to your son, Private First Class Eake De Marco, Infantry. The citation is as follows:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL AND ONE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

"For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of ***, 26 July 1943, and in Normandy, France, 6 June 1944."

The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Third Service Command, Baltimore, Maryland, who will select an officer to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I again express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Witsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General