

Leonard's Awards

Bronze Star



Purple
Heart

European-African
Middle Eastern
Campaign
(w/1bronze star)

WWII
Victory



Combat Infantryman Badge



National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

March 24, 2003

Norbert Lippert

RE: Veteran's Name: Lippert, Leonard J
SSN/SN: 033709358
Case Reference Number: 2002-136-2025

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). We are pleased to verify entitlement to the following awards:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL;
PURPLE HEART;
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL with 1 bronze service star;
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL;
COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE 1ST AWARD;
HONORABLE SERVICE LAPEL BUTTON WWII;

Your Award Request Number is A52E087PN203.

While NPRC verifies entitlement to awards, the Department of the Army maintains jurisdiction for issuing the actual awards. The awards will be shipped directly to you from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command at the address shown below. Any further correspondence concerning your request should be sent to that location. They are currently processing requests received in August 2002.

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command
IMMC, Soldier System Team
PO Box 57997
Philadelphia, PA 19911-7997

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

JOHN CRAFTON
Archives Technician (5A)

Enclosure(s)

HEADQUARTERS 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

20 October 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER 199

CITATION OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 117TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

In accordance with provisions of Circular 21, Headquarters, Seventh Army, dated 17 June 1945 and 3d Indorsement, Headquarters, Seventh Army, AG 200.6/U, Subject: Citation of Unit, dated 18 July 1945, the following citation is announced:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 117th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 7 August 1944, in the vicinity of St. Barthelmy, France. The enemy launched the first of a series of determined attacks, an aggressive attempt to drive to the sea at Avranches and to split allied forces in France. In the fog-enshrouded early morning hours the hostile troops made their first effort with paralyzing rapidity and crushing numerical superiority. Many of the company positions were overrun, and the line of defense was established at the Regimental Command Post. Enemy tanks got close to the Command Post and a company of hostile infantry men infiltrated behind, threatening to encircle it. Displaying outstanding courage and a tenacity of purpose, all troops of this group, including administrative personnel, fought heroically and dispersed the infantrymen to the rear while others destroyed the leading enemy tank with careful bazooka fire. Upon learning the seriousness of the general situation, the troops voluntarily moved to the front lines where for the day they fought with the front line companies and eventually repulsed the enemy attack. The devotion to duty displayed by this stalwart group reflects great credit upon each participant and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

LELAND S. HOBBS,

Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

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LESTER D. ROYALTY

Captain 117th Infantry

Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL



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Battle Honors

Company E, 117th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 16 October 1944, in Germany. Company E was given the mission of making a diversionary attack to weaken enemy pressure along a sector in which the main effort was to be made by another Regiment for the purpose of completing the encirclement of the city of Aachen, Germany. Enemy observation was excellent and the nature of the terrain made the attack extremely hazardous. Enemy fire was exceptionally heavy and caused many casualties within the company. Displaying unexcelled individual courage, the company launched five attacks against the numerically superior enemy and though control and direction were extremely difficult due to the unfavorable terrain and heavy enemy fire, their attacks succeeded in diverting much of the enemy's fire power from the main effort, though at the cost of heavy casualties to the company. The individual heroism exhibited in this engagement reflects great credit on each participant and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Military Service.

JAMES M. LEWIS
Brigadier General — U. S. Army
Commanding



*General Marshall
extends his deep sympathy
in your bereavement. Your son
fought valiantly in a supreme hour
of his country's need. His memory will
live in the grateful heart of our nation*