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Albert Eister

25-42

Captain, U.S. Army

Service # 01167823

929th Field Artillery Battalion 104th Infantry Division

Entered the Service from: California Died: 13-Dec-1944 Buried at: Plot E Row 8 Grave 15 Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart





(Citation Needed): Albert Eister, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 104th Infantry Division during World War II.

General Orders: Headquarters, 104th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 46 (1944)

Synopsis of Silver Star citation from the 104th Division website:

EISTER, ALBERT Capt. G.O. #46, 29 Dec 44, 104th Inf. Division

One example of the aggressiveness in reconnaissance of the members of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion throughout the period of combat operations occurred on 25 November when Captain Albert EISTER and his first sergeant, Homer S. Regan, of Battery A approached a large building of the huge factory in Weisweiler for the purpose of locating gun positions in the nearby field. Two enemy soldiers ran out to man anti-tank guns guarding the entrance to the factory. Capt. EISTER and Sgt. Regan took the two men prisoners and a few minutes later captured three more men in the building. In this advance position the two Americans set up an observation post and then directed artillery fire under cover of which the infantry was able to move in and mop up the area, capturing many prisoners, including three from the first floor of the building in which the observation post was located. Sgt. Regan remained in the building overnight with three other men and continued to direct fire. Their battalion was reinforcing the fires of another artillery battalion in the division, in which case it is not even normal for the reinforcing battalion to send out forward observers to the assault companies.