

Hluschak, Benjamin

Cpl. Ben Hluschak, Northampton, Gets Bronze Star Award

Corporal Benjamin Hluschak, member of a tank-destroyer battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hluschak, 1641 Canal Street, Northampton, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement in action against the enemy in France on August 2, 1944."

The citation, awarded by Lieutenant Colonel W. E. Showalter, commander of the battalion, read: "Corp. Hluschak, ammunition truck driver, was given a mission of delivering 160 rounds of three-inch high explosives to the first platoon of the battalion. He drove his truck to the vicinity of the platoon and found the road under heavy machine-gun fire. Knowing how badly needed this supply of ammunition was, he drove his truck along the road being shelled. The left front tire of the vehicle was blown out by shrapnel, but with utter disregard to his own safety, he drove the truck to the platoon, delivering the ammunition. He changed the flattened tire and drove the truck safely out of the area being shelled."

Corp. Hluschak was graduated from Northampton High School with the class of 1935 and was a member of the 213th Coast Guard of Pennsylvania when inducted in 1940. He has been overseas for two years.

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