

Levan, Kenneth

## Division Cited



Mrs. Laura Diskanet, 704 Pawnee St., received a letter of commendation awarded to her nephew, Pfc. Kenneth Levan, who is serving with the U. S. Army in Gross Geraw, Germany.

Pfc. Levan is a member of the 3rd Armored Division which was awarded the commendation by the Commanding General of the 7th Army. The letter reads in part: "Following the severe fighting in the Ardennes, in which the 3rd Armored had played a great part first in checking and then in expelling Von Rundstedt's forces from the Bulge, the division then shifted back to its old battle grounds at Stolberg and then prepared for the crossing of the Roer River. With the characteristic dash and vigor, the division broke through the initial resistance and raced eastward. In two days it had faced the difficult crossing of the Erft river." The letter goes on to state how the division crossed the Rhine and into the expanding Remagen bridgehead where began one of the most important and dramatic maneuvers of the entire campaign in Europe—the battle for Paderborn. It was during the fighting here that the division lost Major General Maurice Rose, who was killed March 30 at the head of his task force.

Pfc. Levan has been serving overseas for the past 13 months. Since entering the service April 3, 1943, he has been awarded the Good Conduct medal, Purple Heart, E. T. O. ribbon with five combat stars, Presidential Unit Citation with cluster and a gold wreath for the sleeve of his blouse. The young infantryman received his training at Camp Camp-

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