

Klink, William J

Petty Officer 1/C

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2nd Lt. William J. Klink, Infantry officer with the 328th Division, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by direction of the President, "for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Fraulautern, Germany, February 24, 1945."

The citation accompanying the award read in part: "During operations near Fraulautern the positions of Company A were threatened by a strong enemy counterattack. 2nd Lt. Klink, A Company weapons platoon leader, displaced his mortar section to an exposed position from which effective fire could be delivered on the advancing enemy. Then, while subjected to the grazing fire of hostile machine guns and enemy mortar action, he adjusted and directed his section's mortar fire upon the foe until the attempted counterattack was completely broken up."

In addition to the above decoration, the young officer holds the ETO ribbon with four battle stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart and the Good Conduct ribbon. At present Lt. Klink is stationed near Reihm, Germany, and is expected home soon.

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