

Bauder, Warren T.

Pfc. W. T. Bauder Commended for "Splendid Conduct"

PARIS, France — For "splendid conduct and excellent discipline in the face of the enemy," Pfc. Warren T. Bauder, 108 Grubes Ct., Bethlehem, Pa., recently received a commendation from Major General Hawley, Chief Surgeon, European Theatre of Operations, it was revealed by Army authorities. It can now be revealed that Pfc. Bauder was a member of a medical platoon which distinguished itself when the troopship on which they were travelling was torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel in December, 1944. The platoon's conduct was an inspiration to all troops aboard ship and was instrumental in preventing panic and assuring calm, orderly evacuation from the vessel. Several casualties were suffered by the unit in the course of action. In a letter to Pfc. Bauder's commanding officer, General Hawley stated: "The words 'splendid conduct' and 'excellent conduct' in the face of the enemy . . . are the highest tributes that can be paid to a soldier. Please convey to each officer and man of this platoon my congratulations and personal thanks both for the service they rendered our Country and the honor they brought to the Medical Department. I am proud of all of them."

An additional commendation from Colonel Louis J. Compton, Field Artillery, the commanding officer of troops aboard ship, to the unit commander stated: "I wish to take this occasion to express my thanks to you and to the men under your command for their splendid conduct during the recent abandonment of a ship at sea. But for their splendid conduct and excellent discipline there would have been perhaps a disaster. Both you and your men are to be congratulated on the manner in which they conducted themselves."

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