

Eastlake Jr., Donald E.  
Alice

**Lehigh Graduate  
Gets Bronze Star  
For Heroic Action 31 1944**

First Lieutenant Donald E. Eastlake Jr., 24, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement July 29 in France, in connection with operations against the enemy, according to advices received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Eastlake, 116 West Ridley Avenue, Ridley Park, Pa.

The official citation, by the Major General commanding, states "that Lieut. Eastlake, of the Armored Forces, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dismounted from his tank and went forward into an adjacent field occupied by American troops, who were under heavy enemy artillery fire.

"Under this artillery fire, and amid burning and exploding vehicles, Lieut. Eastlake, in the absence of sufficient medical personnel, directed and assisted the evacuation and care of the wounded, and comforted the dying.

"Lieut. Eastlake remained in this area until the last wounded man was removed and then proceeded to direct the dispersal of all vehicles still in operating condition.

"Because of his coolness under fire, his presence of mind, and the unhesitating manner in which he successfully executed these details, Lieut. Eastlake prevented additional losses of men and equipment.

"By his brave actions and exemplary conduct, discipline was of the highest order and reflects great credit upon himself and the Service."

Lieut. Eastlake who took part in the D-Day invasions of Africa, Sicily and France was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action in the African campaign. He received four wounds in action in France in August, and was decorated with the Purple Heart. After spending two months in hospitals he recovered from his wounds and returned to action.

Lieut. Eastlake attended Ridley Park High School and Lehigh University. He was a varsity player on both football teams. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Lieut. Eastlake's sister, Alice, recently graduated from the Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Mass., and was commissioned as an Ensign in the WAVES.

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