

Doncsez, Frank E.

Gets Citation

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Mrs. Mary Kern, 1013 Mechanic Street, has just been informed that her son, T/5 Frank E. Doncsez, Co. B., 773rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, has been given the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas from June 15 to August 1, 1944. Valiantly storming the mighty fortifications of Saipan on June 15, the Fourth Division, reinforced, blasted the stubborn defenses of the enemy in an undeviating advance over the perilously rugged terrain. Unflinching despite heavy casualties, this gallant group pursued the Japanese relentlessly across the entire length of the island, pressing on against bitter opposition for twenty-five days to crush all resistance in their zone of action. With but a brief rest period, in which to reorganize and re-equip, the Division hurled its full fighting power against the dangerously narrow beaches of Tinian on July 24 and rapidly expanded the beachheads for the continued landing of troops, supplies and artillery. Unchecked by either natural obstacles or hostile fire, these indomitable men spearheaded a merciless attack which swept the Japanese before it ravaged all opposition within eight days to add Tinian to our record of conquests in these strategically vital islands. Along with the citation, he received a ribbon with a blue star in it. He is also the wearer of 3 battle stars.

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