

Ceraul, Thomas
David

Former Pen Argyl Prison Guard Released By Army

Thomas Ceraul, well-known Pen Argyl resident, was recently discharged from the United States Army after serving since May, 1943, which includes a period of eighteen months, spent overseas. Prior to entering the Army, he was employed as a keeper at the Northampton County Prison, Easton.

Husband of Mrs. Lucy Martino Ceraul of East Main Street, Pen Argyl, he entered the Army on May 24, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Bowie, Texas. A member of the 838th Ordnance Depot in Patton's Third Army, he engaged in major battles in Northern France, the Rhineland and Germany.

He received the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle-Eastern Service bar, with four bronze battle stars.

He also received the Bronze Star Medal, together with the following citation: "For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, from August 10, 1944, to April 4, 1945, as parts expeditor for the 838th Ordnance Dept. Co., Tech. Ceraul distinguished himself by the exceptional initiative and ingenuity he displayed in speeding the flow of Ordnance supplies to combat troops. His loyalty, technical skill and untiring devotion to duty mark him as an outstanding soldier and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

On V-E Day, Ceraul was stationed along the Czech border.

He returned to the United States with the rating of a sergeant, on July 10.

He has one brother in the U. S. Army, David Ceraul, who was inducted at the same time as his brother, and served in Europe. David was undergoing treatment for pneumonia, but is reported as recuperating in Germany.

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