

DeCrosta, W. J.

**Soldier Cited**

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Sergeant W. J. DeCrosta, 619 Ontario Street, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation "for outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of Japanese held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas from June 15 to August 1, 1944." A member of 534th Amphibious Tractor outfit, backing up 4th Marine Div., which fought on Iwo Jima, DeCrosta is entitled to wear the theatre ribbon with a blue enamel star. The Citation read in part, "Unflinching despite heavy casualties, this gallant group pursued the Japanese relentlessly across the entire length of the island (Saipan) pressing on against bitter opposition for twenty-five days, to crush all resistance in their zone of action. With but a brief period during which they re-organized their equipment and sent their full fighting power against the dangerously narrow beaches of Tinian on July 24."

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