

Litrenta, Thomas P.

It's Sarge Now



Sgt. Thomas P. Litrenta, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Litrenta, 828 Center Street, is spending a 30-day furlough with his family after having served overseas eighteen months. He returned to the United States Tuesday, July 10, and after several days at Indiantown Gap, was granted his furlough.

Sgt. Thomas Litrenta served with the First, Third and Seventh Armies as a member of the Fourth Division, 42nd Field Artillery Battalion. Just before leaving Germany he was made Motor Sergeant of his Unit. This makes him directly responsible for thirteen trucks and four tanks.

Sgt. Thomas Litrenta wears the Arrowhead for participation in the Normandy landing on D-Day; and five battle stars for participation in major campaigns in the European theatre of war. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. The citation accompanying the Bronze Star Medal reads as follows: "...for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. When Technician Fifth Grade Litrenta landed with his organization on the coast of France on D-Day, a vehicle of his unit stalled on the beach. As it was in the regular vehicular lane it caused a traffic jam to the rest of the vehicles following. While other men worked on the stalled vehicle, Technician Fifth Grade Litrenta drove his two and one-half ton truck back and forth across the loose sand to make a hardened path for other vehicles to follow, thus reducing the congestion on the beach. This act was performed without regard for his own safety as heavy enemy artillery fire was falling in the area and another truck loaded with explosives was burning furiously nearby. The initiative and heroic action displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Litrenta reflect credit upon himself and the military service."

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