

Eastlake Jr., Donald E.

FORMER LEHIGH GRID STAR CITED AS HERO

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Lt. D. E. Eastlake Pushed Tank Outpost Far Beyond Own Lines to Rout Foe.

First Lieutenant Donald E. Eastlake, Jr., former Ridley Park High School and Lehigh University football star, has been cited for gallantry in action in North Africa; it became known here today.



LT. DONALD E. EASTLAKE, JR.
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Eastlake, 23, graduated from Lehigh in 1941. He was a member of the R. O. T. C. and began training immediately, being commissioned at Fort Meade.

In the citation, Eastlake was credited with establishing an outpost guard of tanks far beyond the American lines and with the knowledge that the enemy outnumbered him both in tanks and infantry in the sector, moved his tanks closer each night and repeatedly engaged superior numbers of enemy tanks at close range.

"His aggressive and fearless conduct," said the citation, "was of great assistance to the command, finally overcoming all resistance and putting the enemy to rout."

The young officer was a lineman on the Lehigh University football team of which he was a member. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Eastlake, whose home is at 116 West Ridley Avenue, Ridley Park, is engaged to Miss Norma Louise Force, 6903 Sherman Street, Mt. Airy, a teacher of home economics at Palsington High School. Miss Force attended Cedar Crest College in Allentown. They plan to wed when he returns.

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