

Tilley, William

Local Soldier With Cited Combat Unit

Pfc. William Tilley, husband of Grace Tilley, 1319 Linden Street, is a member of the 361st Infantry Regiment's Third Battalion, which recently was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation for gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in overcoming unusually difficult and hazardous conditions.

"Unable to use supporting armor," the citation read, "because of the terrain and enemy demolitions on the highway, the battalion successfully repelled several strong enemy counter-attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and advanced continuously through the heaviest type of enemy mortar and artillery fire."

In a seven-day battle, Pfc. Tilley's regiment captured Livergnane, took 70 prisoners and killed or wounded 350 Germans.

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