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BATTLE PARTICIPATION CREDIT - CAMPAIGN "ARDENNES"

- 1. The following extract of Letter, Headquarters Third United States Army, 22 June 1945, File AG 200.6 GNMCA-4, is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:
- "1. Battle Participation Credit for campaign "Ardennes" has been approved by Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, for the units listed below:

- 2. Attention is invited operagraph 7b, Section I, Curcular 195, War Department, 18 May 1944, regarding eligibility of individuals to wear a bronze service star on the theater ribbon.
- 3. In compliance with paragraph 8, Circular 62, War Department, 11 February 1944, Circular 111, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, 15 November 1944, as amended by Circular 30, 22 March 1945, and letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, U. S. Army, file AG 200.6 OpGA, subject: "Individuals Entitled to Battle Participation Credit", 26 April 1945, necessary entries will be made on page 6, "Medals, Decorations, and Citations" in service records of enlisted personnel and in Item 31 on qualification cards of officers, whose eligibility to wear a bronze service star on the theater ribbon is established. (Authority: First Indorsement, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, 19 June 45)."
- 2. Time limitation of Campaign "Ardennes", as announced by the War Department, is 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945. Units mentioned in Paragraph 1 above of quoted letter entered combat zone on 20 December 1944, with the exception of the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion. That organization entered the combat zone on 16 December 1944.

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