



BRONZE STAR  
MEDAL





C I T A T I O N

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE MICHAEL E CRANE 32774814  
Medical Department, Medical Detachment 294th Engineer Combat  
Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in action  
against the enemy on 23 February 1945 in Germany. Attached to a  
company as an aid man, Technician Fifth Grade Crane went forward,  
through heavy and accurate enemy artillery and mortar fire, to  
give first aid to four men who had been wounded. He stayed with  
these men, although the shelling continued and later he helped  
in the evacuation of the wounded to the rear. This unselfish  
devotion to duty reflects the finest qualities of a soldier of  
the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.









# Newarker Who Rescued

## Four Gets Bronze Star

T/5 Michael E. Crane, 19, of 164 Fairmount avenue has been awarded the Bronze Star as a medical corpsman for an engineer combat battalion in Gen. Hedges's First Army.

The citation, forwarded to his mother, Mrs. Barbara Crane of the Fairmount avenue address, said it was "for heroic achievement in action against the enemy February 23 in Germany" when, under heavy enemy fire, he rescued four wounded men.



T/5 Crane

Cpl. Crane graduated from West Side High School in June, 1942, and entered service in March, 1943. He went overseas in January, 1944. A brother, Cpl. Thomas J. Crane Jr., died a year ago of a disease contracted while serving in an AAF engineers' unit in North Africa. He has a sister, Miss Kathleen, and two other brothers, Cpl. John Crane, a radio instructor at Punta Gorda Field, Fla., and Barty at home.



MEDICAL DETACHMENT  
294TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION  
APO 755, U.S. ARMY

5 Sept 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for personnel to visit Eire.

TO : The Commanding General, Headquarters, Berlin District.

1. Recommend that the following named person be considered under the provisions of Cir. 52, par 5c, Hq Berlin District, dtd 18 August 1945 for a furlough to visit relatives in Eire.

Tec 5	Michael E. Crane	32 774 814
(Grade)	(Name)	(ASN)
336		Bronze Star Medal, 5 Bronze Stars
(Number of days in combat)		(List of earned combat awards)
18 months		None.
(Number of months overseas, without furlough)		(Number of trials by courts- martial and dates)

Manner of performance of duty: Excellent

2. I certify that the above data has been taken from the recommended person's personal records.

3. The soldier's mother and father both were born in Eire and their parents, brothers, and sisters still reside there. The soldier desires to visit the birthplaces of his mother and father and to communicate with his grand-parents also to visit other more distant relatives. Request that definition of "Blood Relatives" in par 5c, Cir. 52, Hq Berlin District be waived in view of the amount and proximity of his relatives.

4. If furlough is granted soldier will reside at the home of his uncle Mr. Batty A. Cryan, Ballinamore, Co. Litterum, Eire.

*Abraham Tcwbin*  
ABRAHAM TCWBIN  
CAPTAIN, MC  
Bn. Surgeon

Overnight stops made in trans-continent tour in 1944-45.

FRANCE

Hebert	7 June	44	:Bartared for 5 gal. can of raw milk:
Foucarville	11 June	44	:Two Heinies on a motor bike:
Edmondville	20 June	44	:
VALOGNE	22 June	44	:First enemy shelling:
Ecouseville	2 July	44	:First PW and slice of bread:
Apperville	9 July	44	:First civilian patient:
St. Andre de Bohn	19 July	44	:Two AM move:
Champs de losque	20 July	44	:Breakthrough:
Poulénirie	28 July	44	:First U S C show:
St. Martin de Cenilly	31 July	44	:First Red Cross Clubmobile:
Coupilliere	6 Aug.	44	:First and only retreat:
St. Mere de Bois	7 Aug.	44	:Company "C" neighbors:
La Hersherie	8 Aug.	44	:Mortain counterattack:
Redouterie	13 Aug.	44	:First spaghetti dinner:
St. Marie de Bois	17 Aug.	44	:Simone, sweetheart of Headquarters company:
La Perte Alaisimine	25 Aug.	44	:Area of Franciscan Monks:
MELUN	27 Aug.	44	:Dinah Shore Bridge:
Besmont	2 Sept.	44	:Civilian Atrocities:

BELGIUM

Flannes	6 Sept.	44	:Heavily wooded bivouac area:
Pailhe	10 Sept.	44	:Wounded German officer and civilian boy:
Verviers	14 Sept.	44	:Entertained by three small Belgian girls:

GERMANY

Schlechtein	15 Sept.	44	:Beaucoup Fears:
Kalheim	26 Sept.	44	:First House:
Zweifall	19 Oct.	44	:Infantrymen:
Racren	9 Nov.	44	:Rest area:
Zweifall	16 Oct.	44	:Saw Marlens District:
Schevenhutte	2 Dec.	44	:Unique latrine:

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Abbe

23 Dec. 44

:Castle:

Verlain

25 Dec. 44

:Christmas Dinner:

Borlon

29 Dec. 44

:Feud between Personnel and Medics:

Petite Barveaux

6 Jan. 45

:Deaucoup women:

Wer in

13 Jan. 45

:The witch:

Abbe

25 Jan. 45

:Rest area:

GERMANY

Mausbach

1 Feb. 45

:Roer job:

Duren

26 Feb. 45

:Bismark Statue:

Blatzheim

7 Mar. 45

:First radio:

Weilerwist

10 Mar. 45

:Truck enclosed with plywood:

Bad Godesberg

17 Mar. 45

:Battalion billeted together:

Lannesdorf

20 Mar. 45

:Rhine bridge:

Honnet

23 Mar. 45

:Radio exchange:

Asbach

26 Mar. 45

:Self-service department store:

Hachenberg

28 Mar. 45

:First tub bath:

Horbach

29 Mar. 45

:Lt. Finnegan ambushed:

Gladenbach

30 Mar. 45

:Case of wine:

Korbach

1 Apr. 45

:Dentist home:

Heudorf

4 Apr. 45

:Close quarters:

Gieselwerder

8 Apr. 45

:Weser bridge:

Hesse road

10 Apr. 45

:Weser river's edge:

Marode

13 Apr. 45

:Concentration camp: