

# Joe Gregorie Gets Citation

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Friends in Newton this week received a letter from Joe Gregorie, who is serving in the United States Army in India, in which he modestly tells of receiving the distinguished service medal which was awarded by President Roosevelt.

The citation, Joe says, was "for some work we have done" and about which he could not tell.

The part of the letter in which he tells of the citation, is as follows:

"Dear Friend: What's wrong? Have you quit me? I haven't heard from you since your Christmas letter, which was about a month ago.

"It's the same old thing around here although there is quite a bit of news that may interest you. We were cited by our commander in Chief (F.D.R.) for some work we have done, and about which I can't tell you very much. We were presented by a General with the Distinguished Service Medal. This probably don't mean much to you, but as this is only the fourth time they have been presented to the U. S. Army it means quite a lot to us.

"The medal is blue, trimmed in gold. I am sure you won't see very many of them, and most of the other groups who have been presented with them got them the hard way — by spilling blood."