

Local Soldier Helps

Win Company Award

July 5, 1945

With the 12th Armored Division, 7th Army, Germany — Pfc. LaVerl L. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kennedy, R 4, Newton is a member of the 152nd Armored Signal Company which was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by direction of the President.

His company, is one of several units within the 12th Armored Division that have received such recognition.

The award, which covered the period from December 5, 1944, to May 8, 1945, was made "for superior performance of duty in supporting the 12th Armored Division during its operation at Rohrbach, France, and vicinity; Herrlisheim, France, and vicinity; while clearing the enemy from France, in the Colmar Pocket; during the conquest of the Saar Region and during the pursuit of the enemy across the Rhine, through Southern Germany and into Austria until his capitulation.

The citation, accompanying the award, further states that "the men of this company have spared no efforts to 'get the message through' under all sorts of conditions. They have used their initiative in devising the most expeditious means of accomplishing their missions. The facilities for the close coordination of the major subordinate units of the command by radio, wire, and messenger were established, and the supporting functions of Signal maintenance and supply were continuously performed. In all of these operations the devotion to duty by the men of this company has been outstanding, and the missions assigned have been accomplished in a highly efficient manner. The teamwork between the units of the Division made possible by the effective communication system provided, contributed in a material degree to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Division."