

CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"Sergeant Melvin W. Clendennen, 38 082 412, Field Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by meritorious service in action. From December 20 to December 27, 1944 during the siege of Bastogne, Belgium, he commanded his tank destroyer in a superior manner. On several occasions throughout this period, his tank destroyer repulsed enemy attacks composed of superior forces and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. During this period, Sergeant Clendennen's tank destroyer is credited with destroying four enemy Mark IV tanks, one Tiger tank, and several other enemy vehicles. His skillful leadership, aggressiveness, and attention to duty enabled his crew to carry out its assigned missions in the shortest possible time with no loss of personnel and equipment. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Texas."