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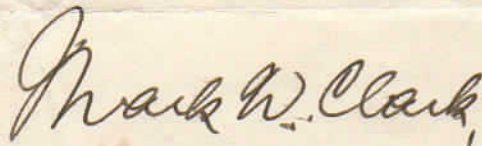
Subject: Award of Bronze Star Medal.

To : First Lieutenant John L. Kay, 01584444,
Quartermaster Corps, United States Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, you are awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action.

CITATION:

"JOHN L. KAY, (01584444), First Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1944, in the vicinity of Torre del Padiglione, Italy. Learning that civilians in the village were in close proximity to the enemy lines and in grave personal danger thus constituting a hindrance to military operations, First Lieutenant KAY, at imminent risk of his life, made his way on foot to the village through heavy artillery and mortar fire. After crossing a large field which was heavily mined he reached the village and assumed command of the disorganized and demoralized civilians. Exercising initiative and foresight, First Lieutenant KAY formulated a plan for the systematic evacuation of the Italians. The dauntless courage and efficient actions of First Lieutenant KAY resulted in the safe removal of more than a thousand people and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from San Francisco, California."



MARK W. CLARK,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.