

## St. Christopher's medal

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In 1944-45, I was in France, Germany and Austria. I was a T5 motor mechanic with Service Co. 410th Regt., of the 103rd Inf. Div. Our job was to keep our trucks and jeeps running under all kinds of conditions. This meant day or night, rain, mud or snow, many times on or near the front lines.

We carried our tool boxes in one hand and our M-1 rifles in the other. We came under mortar and artillery fire, and at times strafing by enemy planes. One of our 6x6 GMC drivers had attached a medal of St. Christopher to the dashboard of his truck. Some time later we got an order to recover and repair some trucks that

came under attack near the front, somewhere near the France/Germany border, if I remember correctly.

I found one truck that was badly burned out. There on the dashboard of that truck, barely discernible, a burnt St. Christopher medal. We learned later that the driver and others had been taken prisoner.

I removed the medal, and still have it today. If that driver reads this, please drop me a letter and tell us your part of this story. I've kept it for 50 years among my WWII mementos and I will see that you get your medal back.

*Editor's note: You may write to Arthur Ryan at 31770 Junction, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.*

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