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For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Automatic Rifleman serving with the First Platoon of the Thirtieth Chemical Company, Fifth Engineers Special Brigade, Fourth Infantry Division, during action against enemy German forces on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, at about 0610 hours of D-day on June sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Four.

With his platoon abruptly halted by intense fire from enemy fortifications in high rocky ridges and crags commanding the line of advance, Technician Fifth Grade Stanley J. Christensen 3743036 boldly rushed one pillbox and fired into the embrasure with his weapon, keeping the enemy pinned down single handedly until he was in position to hurl a grenade and then running to the rear of the emplacement to destroy the retreating Germans and enable his platoon to take its objective. Again pinned down at the foot of the hill, he dauntlessly scaled the jagged incline under fierce mortar and machine gun barrage and with the assistance of his automatic rifleman, charged the crest of the hill, firing from his hip. Fighting furiously against enemy troops attacking with grenades and knee mortars from reverse slopes, he stood fearlessly erect in his exposed position to cover the hostile entrenchments, and held the hill under savage fire for fifteen minutes, killing sixty Germans before his ammunition was exhausted and his platoon was able to join him. His courageous initiative and valiant fighting spirit against devastating odds were directly responsible for the advance of his platoon, and his inspiring leadership throughout this bitter fought action reflects the highest honor upon Technician Fifth Grade Stanley J Christensen 3743036 of the United States Army. Given under my hand this tenth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Forty Four, at Coleville Se. Mair, France.

Major General Omar S. Bradley  
Commander of the Fourth Infantry  
Division, United States Army