



Staff Sergeant Salvador J. Lara
MEDAL OF HONOR
WORLD WAR II



Posthumous

Location of Action: Aprilia, Italy

Date of Action: May 27-28, 1944

Service Dates: unknown

Hometown: Riverside, California

Medal of Honor candidate Staff Sergeant Salvador Lara was from Riverside, Calif.

Lara is being recognized for his valorous actions while serving with Company L, 180th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in actions on May 27-28, 1944, near Aprilia, Italy. Then-Pfc. Lara led his rifle squad to inflict large numbers of casualties on the enemy. His fearless and efficient performance enabled his own unit, as well as the unit to their right flank to continue to their objective. When his company resumed the attack the following morning, Lara sustained a severe leg wound but did not stop to receive first-aid. His company suffered heavy casualties as a result of withering machine-gun fire coming from an enemy strong-point on the right flank. Lara crawled alone toward the nearest machine-gun, manned by three determined Germans, and neutralized the enemy. After rejoining his company, Lara continued his exemplary performance until he captured his objective.

Alfonso Lara will accept the Medal of Honor on behalf of his brother.