

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO #306, U. S. Army

24 September 1943

Subject: Recommendation for the award of the Silver Star.

To : The Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #474, U.S. Army. (Thru Channels)

1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: EDWIN A. YOST, 37146627, Sergeant, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion
2. During the day of September 14, 1943, Sergeant Yost, destroyer commander, moved his destroyer to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position, the tank destroyer crew destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. In so doing, a grave menace to the safety of American troops was removed. Sergeant Yost's quick thinking and speedy action in causing the tank destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of such odds was a display of courage and determination and was an inspiration to the men under his command. His actions reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and were above and beyond the call of duty.
3. Sergeant Yost, at the time of the action described, was a tank destroyer commander, 2nd Platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. The undersigned was present during the action described and certifies that he was an eye witness to the heroic accomplishment.
4. Sergeant Yost is at present tank destroyer commander, in the 2nd Platoon, Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.
5. Sergeant Yost's entire service from the time he was inducted into Federal Service, February 24, 1942, to the present time, has been honorable. Present address, and address at the time of induction; Gorman, Kansas.

VAN W. PFLAND
Lt. Col, Infantry
Commanding

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1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man; ALVIN B.Q. JOHNSON, 20805648, Technician 5th Grade, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. During the day of September 14, 1943, Technician 5th Grade Johnson, ginner in a tank destroyer, assisted in moving his destroyer to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position he destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. In so doing a grave menace to the safety of American troops was removed. His quick thinking and speedy action in destroying the enemy tanks was a display of courage and determination that reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces, and were above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Technician 5th Grade Johnson, at the time of the action described was assigned as gunner in a tank destroyer of the 2nd platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

4. Technician 5th Grade Johnson, is at present assigned as gunner in Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

5. Technician 5th Grade Johnson's entire service from the time he was inducted into the Federal Service with the Texas National Guard, November 25, 1940 to the present time, has been honorable. Present home address, and address at the time of induction; Route #2, Granbury, Texas.

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1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: JOSE H. R. O'BRYAN, 15484581, Private 1st, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. During the day of September 11, 1943, Private 1st O'Bryan, driver of a tank destroyer, caused his destroyer to be moved to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position the tank destroyer crew destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. Private 1st O'Bryan's quick thinking and speedy action in causing the tank destroyer to be moved in the open in the face of such odds, was display of courage and determination which reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and were above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Private 1st O'Bryan at the time of action described, was a driver of a tank destroyer, of the 2nd Platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

4. Private 1st O'Bryan is at present a driver of a tank destroyer in Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

5. Private 1st O'Bryan's entire service from the time he was inducted into the Federal Service on July 15, 1942, to the present time, has been honorable. Present address and address at time of induction: Route #1, New Haven, Kentucky.

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1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: **CLAUDE H. STOKES, 30463151, Private, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.**

2. During the day of September 14, 1943, private Stokes, assistant gunner in a tank destroyer, assisted in moving the destroyer to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position the tank destroyer crew destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. In so doing, a grave menace to the safety of American troops was removed. Private Stokes' quick thinking and speedy action in causing the tank destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of such odds was display of courage and determination which reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and were above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Private Stokes is at present an assistant gunner in a tank destroyer in the second platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

4. At the time of the action described, private Stokes, was assigned as assistant gunner in the 2nd platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

5. Private Stokes's entire service from the time he was inducted into the Federal Service January 14, 1943, to the present time, has been honorable. His home address at present and at time of induction: Route #1, McAlester, Oklahoma.

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1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: CLYDE T. STOKES, 33463140, Private, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. During the day of September 11, 1943, private Stokes, ammunition passer on a tank destroyer, assisted in moving the destroyer to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position the tank destroyer crew destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. In so doing, a grave menace to the safety of American troops was removed. Private Stokes's quick thinking and speedy action causing the tank destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of such odds, was a display of courage and determination which reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and were above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Private Stokes, at the time of the action described was assigned as ammunition passer on a tank destroyer in the 2nd Platoon, Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

4. Private Stokes is at present assigned as ammunition passer on a tank destroyer in Co "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

5. Private Stokes's entire service from the time he was inducted into Federal service January 11, 1943, to the present time, has been honorable. Present home address and address at time of induction: Route 1, McAlester, Oklahoma.

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W. L. YARD
Lt. Col., Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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24 September 1943

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the award of the Silver Star.

TO : The Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #474 U. S. Army (Thru Channels)

1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: Oscar G. Sparks, 38035702, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. On the afternoon of September 16, 1943 during heavy fighting, an M-10 Tank Destroyer of Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion was struck by fragments from an enemy shell igniting the destroyer and causing the crew to abandon it. Staff Sergeant Sparks, Company "B" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion accompanied by two other men, ran to the destroyer and in the face of heavy small arms and artillery fire, shoveled dirt on to the burning vehicle which was fully loaded with oil and ammunition, and by his action displayed unusual courage and utter disregard for his own safety. This prompt action above and beyond the call of duty, save a valuable piece of equipment much needed by our troops, prevented serious damage and permitted it to be placed back in use the same day. His courage and gallantry were an inspiration to his command and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces.

3. Staff Sergeant Sparks' Platoon was a part of Company "B" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. The undersigned certifies that he was an eye witness to the heroic accomplishment.

4. Staff Sergeant Sparks is at present Platoon Sergeant, 1st platoon, Company "B" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion and was at the time of the action described. Staff Sergeant Sparks' entire service from the time he was inducted into Federal Service January 15, 1941 has been honorable. Home address at time of induction and at present: 137 West Illinois Street, Dallas, Texas.

JOHN S. BODENMILLER
Capt., 636th TD Bn.
Commanding Co. B.

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**HEADQUARTERS 636th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
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24 September 1945

Subject: Recommendation for the award of the Silver Star and Citation.

To : The Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #474, U.S. Army. (Thru Channels)

1. It is recommended that the Silver Star and a Citation be awarded the following named enlisted man: Raymond G. Murphy, 20802896, Staff Sergeant, Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. During the day of September 14, 1945, Sergeant Murphy, seeing a number of enemy tanks, caused his destroyerte be moved by his crew, to a position under direct fire of enemy tanks and small arms. From that position, the tank destroyer crew destroyed five enemy tanks and one ammunition truck by firing only six rounds of ammunition. In so doing, a grave menace to the safety of American troops was removed. Sergeant Murphy's quick thinking and speedy action in causing the tank destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of such odds was a display of courage and determination and was an inspiration to the men under his command. His actions reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and were above and beyond the call of duty.

3. Sergeant Murphy, at the time of the action described was Acting Section Sergeant, 2nd Platoon, Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, The undersigned was present during the action described, and certifies that he was an eye witness to the heroic accomplishment.

4. Sergeant Murphy is at present Motor Sergeant, Company "C" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

5. Sergeant Murphy's entire service from the time he was inducted into Federal Service with the Texas National Guard, November 25, 1940, to the present time, has been honorable. Home address at time of induction: 512 East Nevada Street, El Paso, Texas. Present Home address: 277 Park Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

**VAN W. PYLAND
Lt. Colonel, Infantry
Commanding**

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24 September 1943

AG 200

SUBJECT: Recommendation for the award of the Silver Star.

TO : The Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #74, U. S. Army (Thru Channels),

1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following named enlisted man: ROBERT L. DODSON, 20C17189, Staff Sergeant, Company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. On the afternoon of September 16, 1943, during heavy fighting an M-10 Tank Destroyer of Company "C", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion was struck by fragments from an enemy shell, igniting the destroyer and causing the crew to abandon it. Staff Sergeant Dodson, accompanied by two other men ran to the destroyer and in the face of heavy small arms and artillery fire, shoveled dirt on to the burning vehicle which was fully loaded with oil and ammunition and by his actions displayed unusual courage and utter disregard to his own safety. This prompt action above and beyond the call of duty saved a valuable piece of equipment much needed by our troops, prevented serious damage and permitted it to be placed back in use the same day. His courage and gallantry were an inspiration to his command and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces.

3. Staff Sergeant Dodson's Platoon was part of Company "B", 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. The undersigned certifies that he was an eye witness to the heroic accomplishment.

4. Staff Sergeant Dodson is at present Platoon Sergeant, 2nd Platoon, Company "B" 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion and was at the time of the action described. Staff Sergeant Dodson's entire service from the time he was inducted into Federal Service with the Texas National Guard, November 25, 1940 has been honorable. Home address at time of induction and at present: 608 North Jefferson Street, Beeville, Texas.

JAMES S. DODDENTILLER
Captain, 636th TD Bn
Comdg Co "B"

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