

WITH UNITED STATES FORCES IN TUNISIA, MARCH 13-(DELAYED)-(AP)-ON THE SAME BATTLEFIELD WHERE ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO IT HELPED STEM A SUDDEN GERMAN ATTACK IN ONE OF THE MOST FURIOUSLY FOUGHT ACTIONS OF THE TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN, AN ENTIRE COMPANY OF A TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION WAS COMMENDED TODAY FOR GALLANT ACTION AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION WERE AWARDED SILVER STARS.

THE COMPANY, COMMANDED BY FIRST LIEUT. RAMSEY OAKES OF LEESVILLE, LA., WAS CITED FOR BEATING BACK A GERMAN FORCE THAT FLOODED THROUGH KASSERINE PASS ON FEB. 20 UNTIL UNITED STATES INFANTRY COULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM AN EXPOSED POSITION.

"THE BRAVERY, KEEN JUDGMENT AND SKILL OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THIS COMPANY UNDOUBTEDLY PREVENTED HEAVY LOSSES TO TROOPS WITHDRAWING ALONG THE ROAD, AND, IN REPULSING THE GERMAN ATTACK, THEY GAINED VALUABLE TIME THAT WAS NEEDED TO REORGANIZE OUR TROOPS IN THE REAR," THE CITATION SAID.

LIEUTENANT OAKES WAS ONE OF THOSE DECORATED WITH THE SILVER STAR. HIS CITATION NOTED THAT HIS COMPANY FAILED TO LOSE A SINGLE MAN IN THE ACTION.

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CORP. ALEX STEINBERG OF 19 TIFFANY BOULEVARD, NEWARK, N.J., WAS DECORATED FOR HIS HEROISM IN DISMOUNTING FROM A VEHICLE ON THE FIRESWEPT BATTLEFIELD AND CARRYING A WOUNDED MAN TO SAFETY.