

Young Detroitter, 'Chris' Sturkey, Returns A Hero

One of the most outstanding heroes of World War II, 2nd Lt. Christopher J. Sturkey, returned to the United States this week, after a colorful fighting career with the 614th Tank Destroyers.

Not only did Sturkey receive the silver star for gallantry in action in Germany, but he was also commissioned on the field for amazing leadership under enemy fire.

On Nov. 22, 1944, Sturkey (then staff sergeant) was helping to direct the movement of three-inch towed guns across a terrain which was heavily pounded by artillery fire. When his comrades left their vehicles and sought cover, Sturkey braved the bombardment and, by courageous example, encouraged the men to return to their vehicles and resume the march.

By his action, he brought all weapons and men to safety without loss. Lt. Sturkey was decorated by General McAuliffe, May 12, 1945, at Ober Leutasch, Austria.

Now the work of the heroes of the Northern France Campaign No. 1, the Rhineland Campaign, and the Central Europe Campaign, is completed, and the survivors are now home again.

Lieutenant Sturkey resides at 540 Alger, Detroit.

Hero Returns



Lt. Christopher J. Sturkey, who received a silver star and a field commission for gallantry in action with the 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, arrived in Detroit this week from Germany. The young Detroitter is on terminal leave.