

HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS  
APO 304, U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Award of the Silver Star.

TO : Sergeant George E. Popeck, 33166496, Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), United States Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, you are awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

CITATION

SERGEANT GEORGE E. POPECK, 33166496, Field Artillery (Tank Destroyer), United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 March 1945 in the vicinity of Castel D'Aiano, Italy. While his tank destroyer was in a direct fire position supporting attacking infantry, Sergeant POPECK observed an infantryman fall wounded some two hundred (200) yards to his front during a heavy enemy mortar barrage. Voluntarily and without hesitation he dismounted from the comparative safety of his destroyer and without regard for his own personal safety made his way through mortar and sniper fire to reach his wounded comrade. Sergeant POPECK rendered first aid and with the aid of his platoon leader carried the wounded soldier to the safety of his destroyer where additional first aid was given and arrangements made for further evacuation to the rear. Sergeant POPECK'S courage, disregard for personal safety and concern for the welfare of a wounded comrade are exemplary and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

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