

LAURA SOLDIER AWARDED STAR

Harold W. Libby Honored for Action Against German Infantry

For display of gallantry with American forces against German infantry, Harold W. Libby of Laura recently was presented the silver star by the commanding general of the Sixth armored division through Lt. James R. Nickles of the Galesburg district recruiting office.

Libby, now separated from the service, held grade of staff sergeant in a field artillery outfit of the Sixth armored division. The citation, which accompanied the award, was as follows:

"For gallantry in action in Germany April 3, 1945. At a road block, with utter disregard for his personal safety and coolness under fire he covered with his destroyer the withdrawal of a reconnaissance of vehicles from a treacherous pass threatened by enemy infantry and bazookaman. He slowly backed out of his position, firing constantly until his men could get to a safe area and reform. His heroic actions are in