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H E A D Q U A R T E R S 614TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

· Camp Hood, Texas 14 September 1943

GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER 5)

1. AWARD OF SOLDIERS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

I Under the provisions of Executive Order No. 8809, dated 28 June 1941, as amended by Executive Order No. 932.3, dated 31 March 1943, the following named enlisted men of 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, having been recommended by their immediate commanding officer for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, and having served one year of active Federal military service while the United States are at war, are hereby awarded the GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL and are authorized to purchase and wear in lieu thereof the Good Conduct Ribbon:

RANK	NAME	ASN
Master Sergeant	Willard L. Hill	39235352
Master Sergeant	John W. Hurns	7000912
Technical Sergeant	Giles W. Pearson	34302243
Staff Sergeant	Ronald Pollard	38063301
Staff Sergeant	George E. Russell	83 065653
Sergeant	Honry C. Smith	38063250
First Sorgoant	Oliver S. Cox, Jr.,	6922509
Scrgeant	Avery V. Williams	330 06973
Tochnician 4th Grade	Earnest Rogers	38170154
Tochnician 4th Grade	Henry Clay, Jr.,	34206536
Corporal	Erdis A. Alfred	34292701
Privato	Grady Martin	34277817
First Sergeant	Sloan King	6922851
Staff Sorgeant	Amos A. Dashiell	32167273
Staff Sergoant	Longino A. Graham	33190043
Staff Sorgoant	Ernest E. Joynes	32146755
Staff Sorgeant	Ester T. Mays	38047045
Staff Sorgoant	John E. Stubbs	34055091
Staff Sorgoant	Robert Camon	13079556
Staff Sergeant	Sylvester Harrington	6306132
Staff Sorgeant	Hubert Phillips	63 67 528
Sergoant	Eugene J. De Tiege	34165337
Sergeant	Thomas J. Phillips	37201282.
Sergeant	Griffon M. Rice	33190027

By order of Lieutenant Colonel KENNON:

OFFICIAL:

WINFIPID S. BRONSON Captain 614th TD Bn Assistant Adjutant WINFIELD S. BRONSON Captain 614th TD Bn Assistant Adjutant



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> Cary Hood, Texas 10 January 1944

GEMERAL ORDER) NUEBER 1)

G-U-A-R-D

- 1. All previous orders and memorandums issued by this Headquarters pertaining to the Interior Guard of this organization are rescinded this date and the following substituted therefor.
- 2. GENERAL: An Interior Guard will be established and conducted according to Memorandum Hq, UTC, TDC, Camp Hood, Texas dated 6 January 1944; It will consist of the normal Guard and such special guard as may be designated. The Officer of the Day is charged with responsibility for all matters pertaining to the safety and adequate protection of the Battalion Area.
- 3. COMPOSITION: The normal Guard will be a Battalion Guard detailed by this Headquarters from the companies and will be composed of the following:
 - 1. One (1) Sgt of the Guard

 - 2. Five (5) Cpls of the Guard.3. Eighteen (18) privates of the Guard.

4. There will be only two (2) permanent posts located in the Battalion Motor Park, of 24 hours duration. The Guards on duty around the Post Exchange, and Battalion Headquarters Area will extend from 1830 to 0630. The remainder of the Guard will be utilized as the Officer of the Day may see fit. He may prescribe new route for each tour of each patrol. He may put a number of fixed posts in the Area and use, a system of visiting patrols.

All Guards except the Sergoant, Corporals, and six (6) Privates of the guard, who will be on duty at the Motor Pool, will be dismissed at 6000 each morning, and returned to their companies.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PRITCHARD:

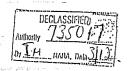
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Camp Hood, Texas, 3 February 1944

GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 2)

G-U-A-R-D O-R-D-E-R

- 1. All previous orders and memorandums issued by this Headquarters pertaining to the interior guard of this organization are rescinded this date and the following substituted therefore.
- 2. GENERAL: An interior guard will be established and conducted according to Memorandum Hq, UTC, TDC, Camp Hood, Texas, dated 6 January 1944. It will consist of the normal guard and such special guard as may be designated.
- 3. COMPOSITION: The normal guard will be a Battalion Guard detailed by this Headquarters and will be composed of one Officer of the Day, one Sergeant, five corporals and 18 privates.
- 4. HOURS OF DUTY: The tour of duty will be from 1830 hours to 0630 hours for all members of the guard except those detailed at the motor park and at the camp exchange, and the non-commissioned officers.
- 5. UNIFORM: The uniform for the guard will include leggins, blouses, helmet liners, the appropriate belt for the weapon carried, and first aid pouches.
- 6. WEAPONS: Members of the guard will carry the weapon prescribed for the individual concerned by the T/O and T/E. Ammunition will be earried only as specifically ordered by the Battalion Commander.
- 7. POST OF THE GUARD: Building No. 536-5 in the battalion motor park is designated as the guardhouse.
- 8. GUARD MOUNT: Guard mount will be informal, as prescribed by regulations, and will be held at 1830 hours daily.
- 9. POSTS: Post No. 1 will be a watchman type post at the south gate of the motor park during daylight hours. During the hours of darkness, this guard will patrol the motor park as ordered by the Officer of the Day. Post No. 2 will be a watchman type post at the north gate of the motor park during daylight hours. During the hours of darkness, this guard will patrol the motor park as directed by the Officer of the Day.
- 10. PATROLS: Visiting patrols will be organized and employed by the Officer of the Day in sufficient intervals and of such strength as to enable him to carry out the provisions of this order and such instructions as may be handed down by higher authority.
- 11. CAMP EXCHANGE GUARDS: Two non-commissioned officers will be detailed from the guard by the Officer of the Day to maintain order and enforce regulations in Branch Exchange No. 7 during the hours the exchange is open.

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12. PRISONERS: Prisoners will be turned in to the Post Stockade immediately on receipt of a confinement order signed by an officer. Individuals may be place under arrest or restraint as prescribed by A.W. No. 69 and held at the guardhouse until the arrival of the Officer of the Day, who will be notified immediately of any arrest.

13. OFFICER OF THE DAY: The Officer of the Day is the representative of the Battalion Commander and as such is responsible for the protection of the battalion area, of property within that area and for the conduct of personnel in the area. He will carry out these orders and such other orders as may be given him by proper authority. He is responsible that government vehicles that are assigned the battalion are used only as authorized, that female visitors are kept out of the motor park and barracks areas, and for proper conduct of all personnel in the area. He will be especially watchful to prevent the sale and use of intoxicants and narcotics, to prevent prostitution and all acts prejudicial to good order and discipline. Officers of the Day will report to the Battalion Commander, or in his absence the executive officer of adjutant, prior to guard mount. In case the Officer of the Day should find it necessary to leave the area, his duties will be assumed by the adjutant, who should be contacted by the Officer of the Day in person. In case anything of a serious nature arises, he will immediately notify the Battalion Duty Officer.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PRITCHARD:

ARTHUR G. WILLIAMS 2d Lieutenant, AUS-Adjutant 614th TD Bn

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> Camp Hood, Texas March 1944

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- 1. Par 5, General Order Number 4, Subject, "Guard Order", dated 22 March 1944, is amended to read; The uniform of the guard will include legals, and helmet liners. Field jackets, raincoats or overcoats will be prescribed by the Officer of the Day, depending on weather conditions.
- 2. Par 12. Officer of the Day. The Officer of the Day will be responsible for enforcing order and discipline within the battalion area. He will issue the necessary instructions and make frequent inspections to insure that standing orders of the Battalion Commander as well as pertinent Post Regulations are complied with. Particular attention will be given to the following points.

(1) All vehicles will leave the Motor Park by the North Gate. No vehicle will leave the Park until it has been OK'd by the

(2) All unnecessary lights and heat will be turned off.

(3) Lights will be turned off in squad rooms and quiet maintained after "Tattoo". All men will be in barracks after "Taps".

(4) No women are allowed within the barracks area.

(5) The Guard House will be kept in neat and clean condition at all times. All members of the guard will present a neat and smart appearance.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PRITCHARD:

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HQ 614TH TD BN.

Camp Hood, Texas 1944. 10 May

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1. In accordance with authority contained in Executive Order No. 8809 as amended by Executive Order No. 9323, and AR 600-68, 4 May 1943. the following Enlisted Men of this battalion are awarded a Good Conduct Medal for demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation:

S Sgt Henry Evans S Sgt James Holley Sgt John O. Weir Tee 5 Alvin Holmes	34302243, 38048705, 34318635, 37131386, 33559272,	Hq Company Hq Company Hq Company Hq Company Hq Company Hq Company
Sgt Charles E. Parks Sgt Thomas Shelby Cpl Richard Parker Pfc Walter Nowell	38048785, 34459861, 35477937, 34277790, 344609143	"A" Company "A" Company "A" Company "A" Company "A" Company "A" Company
Sgt David F. Duncan Sgt Simuel Pruitt Tec 4 Clarence R. Wilson Cpl Andrew W. Wells Pfc James H. Mason Pfc Robert F. Winbush	37201403, 34277345, 37201333, 34461124, 34459754, 34222065,	"B" Company "B" Company "B" Company
Sgt Otis M. Barns Cpl Bonnie O. Harris Cpl Frank Ivey Cpl Al Hockaday Tec 5 Garnett C. Taylor Pfc Benjamin W. Shinshoster	33312091, 34460960, 34359205, 34459213, 34277725, 34414515,	"C" Company

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PRITCHARD:

CHARLES J. RICHARD 1st Lt., FAAdjutant

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CHARLES J. RICHARD

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A ARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Whit L. Knight, 34450873, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During me day of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Knight, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully sighted, loaded and fired his three-inch gun single-handedly directly into approaching enemy forces. The area surrounding him was constantly blasted by intense enemy small arms and artillery fire but with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life, he remained at his post. Realizing his gun was inadequate to impede the progress of the onrushing enemy, he dashed courageously to a nearby machine gun directing devastating fire into their midst. Private Knight's outstanding valor assisted immeasurably in forcing the enemy to withdraw, enabling our infantry to push forward successfully toward their objective. Residence: Kingston, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert W. Harris, 37376570, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Harris, a member of a task force in the attack, fully cognizant that his gun crews were running out of ammunition, brilliantly drove his truck over fire-swept roads to obtain vitally needed ammunition. When the truck was fully loaded with ammunition, he courageously drove forward toward his gun positions. About half way to his objective, he was stopped by the task force commander and informed that if he went farther he was certain to be hit by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life and displaying magnificent courage, he skillfully drove his vehicle to within 25 yards of his gun positions as intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire blasted his path. He unloaded the truck, uncrated the ammunition boxes and valiantly carried the ammunition forward to each gun emplacement. Technican Harris' outstanding valor in the face of devastating enemy fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Marcelline, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade James A. Perry, 34460951, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Technician Perry, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully manned his gun from an exposed position in order to fire accurately and efficiently into enemy strongpoints. The area surrounding his position was constantly blasted by enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the face of this withering action he continued to fire directly into enemy positions with utter disregard for his life. In addition to neutralizing ferocious enemy activity to his front, he brilliantly directed fire on an enemy machine gun nest close by, wiping it out. As a result of Technician Perry's magnificent courage, attacking infantry troops were materially assisted in advancing successfully to their objective. Residence: Louisburg, North Carolina.

Private Thomas C. McDaniel, 34321721, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day-light hours of 14 December 1944, Private McDaniel was a member of a task force assigned the mission of capturing the town of * * * , France. The platoon of which he was a member, moved into positions in open terrain exposed to intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Keenly observing enemy grenadiers attempting to outflank his section, he, with utter discregard for his life, courageously manned a .30 caliber machine gun and successfully stopped their attack, inflicting several casualties. His heroic action, in the face of heavy eremy fire, materially assisted the accomplishment of the task force mission. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sergeant Dillard L. Booker, 32811587, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day-light hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Booker, on his own initiative, brought his three-inch gun forward into an advantageous, but exposed position. Being in advance of our infantry lines, he and his crew was unable to obtain supporting fire, but disregarding personal safety advanced forward. He was afforded excellent observation of the enemy by placing his gun in an open field but it enabled strong enemy forces to lay down an intense artillery and small arms barrage around the gun position. Undaunted by these harassing conditions, he courageously carried out his mission and destroyed numerous enemy strongpoints. His heroic actions so disrupted the opposing forces that our infantry was able to deploy around the flanks of the enemy and overwhelmed them. This resulted in our forces successful advance and entry into * * * , France. Residence: New York, New York.

Sergeant William L. Tabron, 34460307, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 14 December 1944, Sergrant Tabron was a member of a task force whose mission was to capture the town of * * *, France. While approaching their objective the entire task force was pinned down by heavy small arms and artillery fire emanating from enemy pillboxes. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Sergeant Tabron, with his crew, went forward with their towed gun and set up in an open field exposed to hostile fire. With utter disregard for his life, he courageously manned his .50 caliber machine gun to protect his crew, some of which were wounded, from enemy grenadiers attempting to flank their position. Unnerved by the wounds received in this action, he remained at his post until the infantry successfully pressed forward its attack. His devotion to duty and self-sacrifice was an inspiration to all. Residence: Wilson, North Carolina.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT FLOYD J. STALLINGS, 01824814, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT STALLINGS, as a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position, wounded, the victim of enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life he courageously dashed 100 yards over open terrain under a severe enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery concentration. Completely oblivious of the withering fire that raked his path, he succeeded in reaching his wounded commander's side. At great personal risk, he valiantly assisted his commanding officer to the nearest aid station. As a result of LIEUTENANT STALLINGS! display of magnificent courage, prompt and efficient medical attention was administered expectiously. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Corporal Al Hockaday, Jr., 34459213, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day-light hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Corporal Hockaday, a gun commander, successfully placed his gun in a forward position where excellent observation was available on the entrenched enemy forces. The enemy, realizing the serious threat facing them, laid down a murderous artillery barrage about him. This terrific onslaught of enemy fire knocked out a nearby gun crew. With utter disregard for his safety, he fearlessly began sighting and firing the nearby gun. Despite the severity of the enemy action about him he courageously manned both guns single-handedly and successfully disrupted the enemy forces to such an extent that our infantry was able to move forward and seize their objective. Residence: Roanoke, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul Marner, 33316456, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Warner, a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position wounded, the victim of enemy fire. Realizing that immediate evacuation was necessary, he dashed to his vehicle and sped across 75 yards of fire-swept terrain to rescue his commanding officer. As he maneuvered the vehicle out into open terrain, enemy small arms and artillery fire blasted his path but he continued on with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life. He remained under this devastating fire for over 15 minutes while he assisted in placing the officer in the vehicle. He again skillfully crossed the area of concentrated fire and reached the nearest aid station quickly. As a result of Technician Warner's outstanding valor in the face of intense enemy fire, medical attention was rendered expeditiously to his commanding officer. Residence: Crestmont, Pennsylvania.

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By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Leon Tobin, 34311075, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Tobin, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and and arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and full observation he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides of him. In the face of certain self-destruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with such relentless furor and utter disregard for his life, that they become confused. When his comrade was killed he remainded at his post unassisted until he was cut down by direct fire suffering excruciating pain from severe wounds. Private Tobin's display of gallantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Monroe, Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. MITCHELL, 01822712, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, LIEUTENANT MITCHELL as second in command of a tank destroyer platoon, with a task force attacking * * *, France, took command of the platoon, when his platoon leader was wounded. Constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortars and small arms fire, he magnificently and efficiently directed the fire of his guns against enemy positions. Numerous times, with utter disregard for his life, he moved from gun to gun supplementing the gun crews as the complement of gun positions were reduced by enemy action. In one instance LIEUTENANT MITCHELL gallantly manned a gin, loading, sighting and firing it single-handedly. He courageously exposed himself, to aid in the evacuation of the wounded from the front line to places of safety and many lives were saved by this action. LIEUTENANT MITCHELL'S display of coolness under fire and magnificent courage, was an inspiration to all and contributed to a large degree in the successful capture and occupation of * * *, with a minimum of casualties to the task force. Residence: Gary, Indiana.

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II -- AWARD, POSTHUMCUS. OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

Corporal Peter Simmons, 34513288, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Corporal Simmons, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and in full observation, he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides. In the face of certain selfdestruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with such relentless furor and utter disregard for his life, that they became confused. An enemy bullet found its mark and Corporal Simmons fell mortally wounded. As a result of his display of outstanding allantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire he materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective. Throughout this entire action Corporal Simmons! display of valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Silver Street, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Maneuia Simmons, (Mother), Route 1, Box 121, Silver Street, South Carolina.

Private First Class William H. Phipps, 34459324, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Phipps was seriously wounded while driving his quarter ton truck through an artillery barrage. Private Phipps, with utter disregard for his life, on his own initiative, drove his platoon leader to a gun position without revealing his bitter wounds. He courageously drove forward in face of the intense enemy artillery and bazooka fire, firing his weapon until he collapsed from his mortal wound. His valiant action assisted materially in the success of the infantry's mission. Private Phipps' outstanding valor and spirit of duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Littleton, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mr. Wiley Phipps, (Uncle), Route 2, Box 276, Littleton, North Carolina.

By commend of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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