

**THIS CREW** of the 636th TD, "Jinx," struck a crushing blow against the Germans during 25 minutes of fighting in the La Cosa Line defense. The six-man crew, all awarded Silver Stars for gallantry, knocked out 5 Mark IV's, 1 ammunition truck, 1 armored half-track, 1 pill box and a house harboring Germans. *Left to right:* S/Sgt. Raymond G. Murphy, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sgt. Edwin A. Yost, Gorham, Kans.; Cpl. Alvin V. Q. Johnson, Snyder, Texas; Pfc. Joseph R. O'Bryan, New Haven, Ky.; and Privates Clyde T. and Claude H. Stokes, twins from McAlester, Okla.

*Action at La Cosa Creek,  
Sept 14 + 15, 1943*



636th TD Bn - No 6 man crew. Three men  
were ass'd to an M-10 knocked out. They

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## "JINX"

German Panzer units threatened to cut the Salerno beachhead in two on D+5 (15 Sep 43) when they opened a gap between the British and U. S. corps. A tank destroyer named *Jinx*, commanded by Sgt. Edwin A. Yost, is one reason the German attack failed.

The crew ran their M-10 up to the crest of a ridge under artillery and small arms fire. They expended three rounds. The first was short. The second knocked out a Mark IV tank, which burned. The third hit an ammunition truck, which exploded. Hostile fire became so heavy that the destroyer was forced to back down below the ridge.

A short while later *Jinx* again ran up to a hull-defiladed position. This time the first round knocked out a Mark IV. The second round knocked out a Mark IV. The third round knocked out a Mark IV. So did the fourth.

In an elapsed time of thirty minutes *Jinx* had five medium tanks and an ammunition vehicle, with a total expenditure of seven rounds.

The crew received silver stars.

—E. A. R.