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Subject: Award of Silver Star.

To: First Lieutenant Daniel Loewenthal,
Infantry (TD), United States Army.

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

CITATION:

"DANIEL LOEWENTHAL, (), First Lieutenant, Infantry (TD), United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 30 and 31 May 1944, near Lanuvio, Italy. First Lieutenant LOEWENTHAL commanded a platoon of tank destroyers supporting an infantry attack on a hill objective. The attack was stopped by heavy enemy fire from artillery, mortars, machine guns and small arms. Moving his platoon into the infantry front lines, First Lieutenant LOEWENTHAL directed fire upon enemy positions throughout the day. The destroyers in their forward positions drew heavy enemy fire, but First Lieutenant LOEWENTHAL calmly moved among his platoon, directing fire, encouraging and assisting his crews. The following morning he supported the continued infantry attack, directing fire to knock out four enemy machine gun positions to clear a route of advance. He directed fire to aid materially in repulsing two counterattacks. A third counterattack supported by German armor threatened to overrun the infantry positions. First Lieutenant LOEWENTHAL, although severely burned by a direct hit on his destroyer, led his platoon into position to cover the threatened portion of the infantry line and placed such heavy and effective fire on the enemy armor that the Germans were forced to withdraw. First Lieutenant LOEWENTHAL'S courageous and skilful leadership of his platoon materially aided the infantry in gaining and holding its objective in the face of heavy enemy resistance. Entered military service from New York, New York."

Mark W. Clark

MARK W. CLARK,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.