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SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star - Prisoner of War.

TO: Commander Officer, 701 Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Frank N. Aten, (01821553), Second Lieutenant, Company "A" 701 Tank Destroyer Battalion, is awarded the SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION ON February 14, 1943 in the vicinity of Sidi Bou Zip, Tunisia. During the forced withdrawal of the company, five of its vehicles were left behind stuck in the mud in a low marshy area. After the company reassembled, a group of men returned to the vehicles to recover them. Observing the start of an enemy tank attack toward Sidi Bou Zid and realizing that this group would be cut off and unable to escape, Second Lieutenant Aten unhesitatingly went forward to warn them of the danger and lead them back to rejoin the remainder of the company. Upon reaching the group he and the others observed some wounded men located approximately twelve hundred (1200) yards to their front. Although enemy tanks were in the vicinity, they went forward to the wounded men and administered first aid treatment to them. While preparing to evaluate them he was surrounded by enemy tanks and foot troops and captured. The courage, initiative and concern for the welfare of his comrades with complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Second Lieutenant Aten reflect great credit upon himself and his organization and are highly commendable. Entered Military Service from Tyler, Texas. Next of kin Reverend Floyd E. Aten (Father) Rt.#1, Tyler, Texas.

By Command of Major General Harmon:

W. L. SCHERT
Major
Adjutant General

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