

HEADQUARTERS 6TH ARMORED DIVISION

AGO 256, United States Army

30 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER143)

EXTRACT

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Sergeant Ralph C. Smith, (Army Serial Number 18084753), Field Artillery, ---, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of ---, Belgium on 16 January 1945. While his task force was being attacked by a heavy enemy concentration he observed that the medical aid men were unable to reach wounded tank men because of heavy mortar and small arms fire. He gave orders to his destroyer to cover him while he made his way forward two hundred yards to the aid of the wounded. Upon reaching the wounded men he crawled back with them, one at a time, under the heavy enemy fire. His gallantry in action and utter disregard for his own life in order to save the lives of his wounded comrades, are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered the military service from Oklahoma.

By command of the DIVISION COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL: