

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

6 October 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER 279

SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
SECTION II - Award of Purple Heart.
SECTION III - References to General Orders Number 226 and 244, this Headquarters, cs.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant JOHN F JOY, 01296703, Infantry, Reconnaissance Company, 818th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 13 November 1944, before our thinly-held bridgehead across the Meuse-Francaise River near SLEMY-SUR-MEUSE, FRANCE, could be reinforced, enemy infantry counterattacked under a concentrated artillery barrage and threatened to drive our forces back to the friendly shore. Acting on his own initiative, Lieutenant JOY hastily reorganized defensive positions along the entire front, traveling its length under heavy enemy fire to rally troops, direct emplacement of field pieces and control the fire of all calibers of guns. When the hostile attack reached its peak, he fearlessly went to the aid of fallen comrades and assisted in their evacuation. Through Lieutenant JOY'S inspiring leadership, the enemy attack was finally repulsed. His outstanding heroism and untiring devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

RESC. BY GO. 279 -- *John W Herbacyanko*
Sergeant JOHN W HERBACYANKO, 32254301, Company D, 35th Tank Battalion, 4th Armored Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 29 March 1945, in an assault on ASPACH, GERMANY, after hostile rocket fire had disabled Sergeant HERBACYANKO'S tank, killed his tank commander and gunner and caused temporary blindness to himself, he crawled 200 yards and took cover in a nearby creek from the intense hail of enemy sniper fire directed at him. When medium tanks were brought up to reinforce the attack, he courageously mounted one of them and fired the .50 caliber anti-aircraft gun from the rear deck. At the same time he directed the other tanks against the houses in which snipers and rocket crews were holding out, until all the enemy were cleared from the town. Sergeant HERBACYANKO'S dauntless heroism and unflinching devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

First Lieutenant ROBERT C ANDERSON, 0462811, Field Artillery, 4263d Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 at ST LO, FRANCE.

First Lieutenant CHARLES R BLAHA JR, 01558473, Ordnance Department, 3511th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 14 April 1945 at STADTSTEINACH, GERMANY.

(over)

R E S T R I C T E D

R E S T R I C T E D

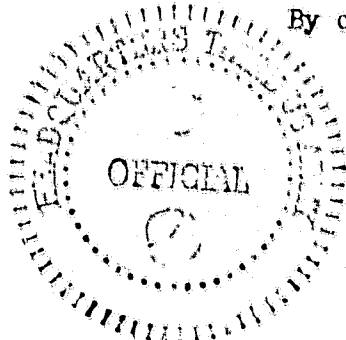
GO 279 Hq Third US Army 6 Oct 45 cont'd.

III. RESCISSIONS TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 226 AND 244, THIS HEADQUARTERS, CS. -

1. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 226, this Headquarters, cs, as awards a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Major CARL H SCHOFIELD, O24505, General Staff Corps, is rescinded.

2. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 244, this Headquarters, cs, as awards a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Colonel EARLE A JOHNSON, O8240, Infantry, is rescinded.

By command of General PATTON:



PAUL D. HERRKINS,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Acting Chief of Staff.

L. L. MANLY,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Acting Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

CG USFET (AG Opns Div - 2) 4
(Awards & Dec Br, AG Mil Pers Div - 2)
TAG (Awards & Dec Br) 3
CO 37th MRO 1
G-1, this Hq 3
AG Misc 14

R E S T R I C T E D