

TAPPAN AWARDED THE SILVER STAR

For Gallantry in Action in Belgian Battle

Pfc. Donald V. Tappan, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Tappan, of Or-estes, has been awarded the Army's Silver Star medal for gallantry in action against the Germans in an engagement at Tillet, Belgium, last Jan. 7.

Donald is a member of Co. K, of the 346th Infantry regiment, and on the date mentioned was serving as an ammunition carrier to front lines. His citation says that he made three trips of some 600 yards across open territory swept by enemy gunfire, to bring wounded comrades to a place of safety. Due to the severity of their wounds and the intense cold prevailing at the time, the wounded men would no doubt have perished but for their rescue.

A member of the communications department, Donald operated a military radio from a three-story stone house at Stadtkyll, Germany, a few hours after it was taken. The house was the headquarters of Field Marshal von Rundstedt when the German offensive through Belgium and Luxembourg was planned last December.

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