

HEADQUARTERS 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 448, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 9

31 January 1945

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

Persuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 26 April 1944, a Silver Star Medal is awarded the following:

Donald V. Tappan, 35893186, Private First Class.

For gallantry in action against an armed enemy. Entered military service from Indiana.

By command of the Commanding General:

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HEADQUARTERS 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 448, U S Army

4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Citation of Award.

TO: CO, 346 Inf, APO 448, U S Army

Attached herewith is confidential citation as pertains to the award of the Silver Star to PFC Donald V. Tappan. The attached citation will be retained in the individuals 201 file and presented to him after official announcement of your organization in that sector or until the classification is removed by time.

By command of the Commanding General:

MARK AMEN,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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CITATION FOR THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

Donald V. Tappan, 35893186, Private First Class, Company K, 346th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy near Tillet, Belgium, on 7 January 1945. In the course of carrying ammunition to Company K under intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, three men were severely wounded. Private First Class Tappan, without regard for his own safety, while under direct enemy observation and intense fire, crossed 600 yards of open ground three times and carried the wounded to shelter. Due to the severity of their wounds and the intense cold none of these men would have survived without prompt medical attention. His courageous acts are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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HEADQUARTERS 87TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 448, U S Army

4 February 1945

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award.

TO: CO, 346 Inf, APO 448, U S Army

1. General Order No. 9 this headquarters, dated 31 Jan. 45, authorized the award of the Silver Star to PFC. Donald V. Tappan, 35893186 your organization. The attached medal will be presented in the manner prescribed by regulations, at which time the General Order with citation will be read, and the form below will be filled out and dispatched promptly to AG, Awards and Decorations Section.

2. The date and place of this presentation will be noted in the historical records of the organization and the appropriate records of the above individual. Unclassified copies of the General Orders will be presented with the medal.

3. Complete citation has been placed in unit 201 file of the individual concerned; to be held for him until classification is removed by time.

By command of the Commanding General:

MARK AMEN,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.