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HEADQUARTERS
113TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO #30
U. S. Army
29 September 1944

Conger, Alwyn D. (Off)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

THRU : THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 30th Infantry Division Artillery, APO #30,
U. S. Army.

TO : THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 30th Infantry Division, APO #30, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Par 15, C-5, AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, and Cir #88, Headquarters First United States Army, APO #330, dated 18 May 1944, it is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following officer for gallantry in action:

1. Personal Data:

a. Alwyn D. Conger 2d Lieutenant O-387445
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

Field Artillery Battery "C", 113th FA Battalion
 (Arm of Service) (Organization)

b. Grade, ASN, assignment and capacity at time of act or service for which award is recommended: Corporal, ASN 10174776, Instrument Corporal.

c. Decorations previously awarded: None.

d. No decoration has previously been awarded for this act or service and 2d Lt. Alwyn D. Conger has not previously been recommended for an award on the basis of this or related acts.

e. The entire service of 2d Lt Conger since rendition of the deed or service upon which this recommendation is based, has been honorable.

f. Entered Military service from Cedar City, Utah.

g. Nearest relative: Mrs. Marjorie M. Conger, 445 W. 1st North Street Cedar City, Utah.

2. General Data:

a. The Officer recommending this award has personal knowledge of the act or service upon which the recommendation is based.

b. Is recommendation supported by official records? Yes

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3. Specific Data:

a. Exact date of act or period during which service was rendered:

18 August 1944

b. Location at which act was rendered: Chateller, France

c. The following information is furnished:

(1) Character of terrain, of hostile observation and of enemy fire: The terrain was hilly, in hostile territory and no fire at time of this act.

(2) Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions: The visibility was good, time 1500 hours, atmospheric condition dry.

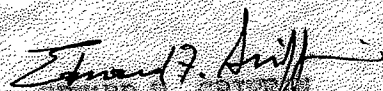
(3) Location of enemy: Unknown.

(4) Morale - that of our forces and of the enemy: Our morale good and the enemy morale unknown.

(5) Casualties sustained: None.

(6) Effect or result of deed in question: Upon receiving information that a vehicle struck a mine injuring two officers and not knowing that there was any medical aid near the scene of the accident, 2d Lt Conger went without hesitation to their aid. (Knowing that the accident occurred beyond the front lines and the possibility of his vehicle striking another mine, Lt Conger, under such difficult and hazardous circumstances performed this gallant deed voluntarily. His complete unconcern of encountering possible heavy fire or being in a mined area and his courage and fearlessness displayed reflects great credit on himself from the men of this organization. His services rendered to the injured officers added to the hasty evacuation of the injured to a safer area.

(7) Detailed resume (Using operations maps, and narrative statement), giving complete description of action: Operations maps - 1 to 50,000, France, 908-081. About 10 miles north of Combront, France on 18 August 1944 while on duty as an Instrument Corporal, 2d Lt Alvin D. Conger, then a Corporal, returned to the place where he had left 1st Lt. George P. Eldridge. When he got there he found Lt Eldridge had left to go to Chateller a town beyond the front lines to help get medical aid to two officers who had been hurt. Lt Conger, knowing the danger of driving out beyond the outpost both from mines and enemy fire without regard for his own safety first tried to get some one to accompany him and when no one would go with him gallantly drove his 1/2 ton truck along to the scene of the accident which was approximately 1 1/2 miles beyond our front lines. On reaching the scene of accident Lt Conger assisted Lt Eldridge in putting the two officers, Capt Guy B. Young, O-452926 and Capt William J. Gaines, O-137450 on stretchers and loading the stretcher on a Medical vehicle. By his act Lt Conger did everything in his power to save the lives of the two men and was an inspiration to all who saw him. This gallant deed was voluntarily done and was above and beyond the call of duty.


EDWARD P. GRIFFIN
Lt Col, 113th PA Bn
Commanding

1 Incl:

Certificate of eye witness

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C E R T I F I C A T E

On 18 August 1944 2nd Lt Alwyn D. Conger, (then Corporal) returned to the front line to find that 1st Lt George F. Eldridge had gone forward to give aid to wounded about one and one half miles beyond our lines, without hesitation drove his vehicle forward alone to find Lt Eldridge and assist in giving aid to the wounded. Only after all injured personal had been evacuated did Lt Conger return to the safety of our front lines.

Arthur J. Fagowski
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2nd Lt., 113th PA Bn.

C E R T I F I C A T E

On 18 August 1944, 2nd Lt., then Corporal, Alwyn D. Conger, O-387446, was the instrument corporal of my forward observer party. I sent Lt. Conger back to establish communications. While Lt. Conger was gone I learned that two men had been hurt in a vehicle, which had run over a mine in the next town, Chateller, France. I went forward to Chateller which was at that time about 1 and a $\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond our outposts leaving information for Lt. Conger as to where I was. Lt. Conger without regard for his own safety knowing the danger of following both from enemy fire and mines drove his $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck to Chateller and as soon as he found the injured men aided in removing them and placing them in a medical vehicle. After seeing that all that could possibly be done for the men, Lt. Conger aided in removing two injured civilian in his vehicle. Lt Conger's act was above and beyond the call of duty.

George P. Eldridge
GEORGE P. ELDRIDGE,
1st Lt., 113th F. A. Bn.