

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL TANK GROUP USAFFE  
In the Field, P. I.

January 13, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)

No. 5

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3. First Lieutenant William Gentry, O-404976, Infantry, 192nd Tank Battalion (L), home address Harrodsburg, Kentucky, is awarded the Silver Star in accordance with the following Citation:

"Lieutenant Gentry in an action in the vicinity of Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, P.I., successfully took under fire a unit of hostile tanks and successfully prosecuted the fight for two hours, partly during darkness, culminating in the elimination of the unit."

By command of Brigadier General WEAVER:

T. E. SMYTH  
Major, Prov Tank Group USAFFE,  
Executive.

OFFICIAL:

s/ R. C. Pettit, Jr  
R. C. PETTIT, Jr.,  
Captain, Prov Tank Group USAFFE,  
Adjutant

A TRUE EXTRACT:

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13 Apr 45

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Fifth Service Command  
Nichols General Hospital  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

C. W. H.

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Award of Silver Star

TO: Commanding Officer  
Nichols General Hospital  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

1. On or about 11 January 1942, I received a copy of a General Order issued by Headquarters Provisional Tank Group, USAFPE, Bataan, P. I., which awarded me the Silver Star. This General Order was taken from me by the Japanese at Bilibid Prison, Manila, P. I. This General Order read substantially as follows:

"1st Lt. William Gentry, O-404976, is awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

"On Dec. 31, 1941 1st Lt. William Gentry, O-404976, Co. C 192nd Tank Bn, home address Harrodsburg, Ky, at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, P. I. took under fire a unit of hostile tanks and after a running fight of over two hours culminated in the elimination of the unit and during the entire combat displaying gallantry in action

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL WEAVER

OFFICIAL

ROBERT C. PETTIT  
Maj Inf Adjutant

THADDIUS E. SMYTH  
Maj Inf Executive Officer  
Provisional Tank Group  
U.S.A.F.P.E."

2. Other names appearing on this General Order were as indicated below:

John C. Morley  
Walter H. Write

Maj 192nd Tank Bn, the D.S.M.  
Capt 192nd Tank Bn, the Silver Star  
Posthumously

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Harold W. Collins  
Unknown Reed

Capt 192nd Tank Bn, the Silver Star  
2nd Lt Gr. A, 192nd Tank Bn, killed in  
action promoted to 1st Lt posthumously

WILLIAM GENTRY  
Captain, Inf

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April 1945.

C. W. HENDERSON  
Captain, MAC  
Adjutant

(13 Apr 45)

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ASF, Nichols General Hospital, Louisville 2, Kentucky, 13 April 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, U. S. Army, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Forwarded in compliance with Confidential letter, The Adjutant General's Office, Per. 1, 1, Subject: Handling and Disposition of Recovered U. S. Military Personnel Who Formerly Served on Wake, Guam or in the Philippines, File AG 210.31 (12 Feb 45) (B-6-1, dated 19 February 1945.

2. Attention is invited to attached copy of telegram.

3. Request this headquarters be advised of action to take in order that award may be presented to this Liberated Prisoner of War.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl  
Telegram

C. W. HENDERSON  
Captain, MAC  
Adjutant

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