

SILVER STAR FOR SGT. GORDON ROMACK

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NEWTON BOY DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY ON GERMAN FRONT

Sgt. Gordon D. Romack of Newton, a member of the 3rd Armored Division was presented with a Silver Star for gallantry in action by Colonel George M. Edwards, Commanding Officer of William Beaumont General Hospital, March 16, 1945. He is now convalescing at Beaumont after participating in action against the enemy in France, Belgium and Germany.

It was in Germany during September 1944 that he performed the feat for which he was awarded the Silver Star: Romack was commander of the lead tank of a task force attempting to knock out three German held buildings, which were being used as observation posts by the enemy.

Rolling against terrific artillery fire his tank was hit twice and the crew bailed out and took cover in an old pill-box. There they met an infantry lieutenant who suggested that the tank guns might still be in working order and asked Romack to find out if they were. So Romack and another volunteer crawled to the tank under enemy fire and climbed into it as bullets bounced off the far side.

Manning the guns, he and his aid knocked out the three buildings with 15 rounds of ammunition before being wounded.

He also wears the ETO Ribbon with three battle stars and the Purple Heart.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Romack live in Newton.