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HEADQUARTERS
113TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

APO #30, U. S. Army
16 May 1945

20046 Conger, Alwyn D.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Silver Star

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 AR 600-45 and Memorandum Number 34, Ninth United States Army, dated 8 September 1944, it is hereby recommended that the Silver Star be awarded the following officer for gallantry in action in military operations.

1. Personal Data:

a. Alwyn D. Conger (Name)	First Lieutenant (Rank)	O-887446 (ASN)
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Field Artillery (Arm or Service)	Battery "C", 113th Field Artillery Battalion (Organization)
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b. Grade, ASN, assignment, and capacity at time of act or service for which award is recommended: Second Lieutenant, O-887446, Forward Observer.

(1) Present duty status: First Lieutenant, present for duty.

c. Decorations previously awarded: Bronze Star per GO #93, Hq. 30th Inf. Div., dated 1 November 1944.

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

e. The entire service of First Lieutenant Alwyn D. Conger since the rendition of the deed or service upon which this recommendation is based has been honorable.

f. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

g. Nearest relative: Mrs. Marjorie M. Conger, wife, 443 West First North, 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? No.

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3. Specific Data:

a. Exact date of act or period during which service was rendered:
35 December 1944.

b. Location at which act was rendered: Stavelot, Belgium.

c. The following information is furnished:

(1) Character of terrain, of hostile observation and of enemy fire: Hilly terrain, good hostile observation, 120 mm mortar fire.

(2) Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions:
Visibility, good; time of day, 1100 hours; atmospheric conditions, clear.

(3) Location of enemy: 300 yards south.

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

(5) Casualties sustained: None by our forces. Enemy at least 250 known dead, undetermined number wounded.

(6) Effect or result of deed or service in question: First Lieutenant Conger's efforts in adjusting artillery fire resulted in the destruction of at least 250 enemy infantry and several hundred wounded.

(7) Detailed resume:

While serving as an artillery forward observer on 25 December 1944 near Stavelot, Belgium, First Lieutenant Conger was adjusting artillery fire on a large column of German infantry which was changing position on his immediate front, when suddenly an enemy barrage of 120 millimeter mortar fire commenced to fall upon the location of his observation post. In spite of the danger from shells which were striking all around him, First Lieutenant Conger continued to make his adjustment of fire which was so accurate that other observation posts later reported at least 250 enemy infantrymen were killed and several hundred wounded and the enemy column gave up its plan to move into the lines again and withdrew to the rear. First Lieutenant Conger's calm courage, cool judgement and outstanding devotion to his duty at a time when even the building in which he was located was being struck by mortar fire, was a great inspiration to all and a credit to the military service. First Lieutenant Conger was not wounded in the performance of this act.

EDWARD F. GRIFFIN
Lt. Col., 113th FA Bn.
Commanding

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