



## **John C. Campbell, Jr. 26-42**

**First Lieutenant, U.S. Army**

**Service # O1168196**

**636th Tank Destroyer Battalion  
36th Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: South Carolina**

**Died: 22-January-1944**

**Buried at: Plot C Row 10 Grave 32**

**Sicily-Rome American Cemetery  
Nettuno, Italy**

**Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart**

### **Silver Star**



**(Citation Needed): John C. Campbell, United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star under the below-listed General Orders for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy while serving with the 36th Infantry Division during World War II.**

**General Orders: Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 64 (1944)**

Excerpts from Headquarters 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion Historical Records  
(Operations in Italy, January 1944)

January 21, 1944

Constant contact was maintained with the assaulting Regiment through our Liaison Officers in order that close support might be given. As soon as it was learned that our troops had gained only a small foothold across the River, Companies A and C fired missions on S. Angelo and areas beyond S. Angelo.

At 1100 hours, 1st Lt John C. Campbell, O-1168196, our Liaison Officer to the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry called and stated that the 2nd Battalion was going to attack, and as there was no Liaison Officer from our Battalion with it, requested that he be permitted to report to the 2nd Battalion. The Battalion Commander gave his consent and Lt Campbell reported to the Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 141st Infantry.

At 1130 hours, a message was received stating that the attack was to be resumed at 1400 hours. The Company Commanders were called in and given the new situation by the Battalion Commander. The Battalion Commander directed that Companies A and C continue to lay harassing fire on the enemy positions beyond the area held by our troops at the bridge site. Due to the smoke and haze it was impossible to observe the fires.

During the conference word was received that an allied force had landed south of Rome. At 1306 hours word was received that the attack would not be launched until 1500 hours and the Companies were immediately notified of the change. At 1730 hours, word was received that the hour of the attack had been changed to 2200 hours and the Companies were notified.

January 22, 1944

At 1027 hours, a report was received that 1st Lt John C. Campbell, O-1168196, Liaison to the 2nd Battalion, 141st Infantry, was killed at 1000 hours by an enemy mortar shell. The Sergeant assisting Lt Campbell on his mission reported that Lt Campbell had left his foxhole to telephone a report to Lt Colonel Field, the Battalion Commander, and that the shell exploded just to the front of Lt Campbell, as he telephoned.

The Commanding Officer, 141st Infantry called during the afternoon of 22 January and reported that the Battalion's fire was very helpful and seemed to be highly effective. The Battalion Commander assured the Commanding Officer, 141st Infantry, that we would continue to fire on every target that appeared and on those reported to us by the Infantry.