



**Jenkin R. Jones**                      **31-42**

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

**Service # O1170439**

**10th Field Artillery Battalion  
3rd Infantry Division**

**Entered the Service from: Ohio  
Died: 26-May-1944  
Buried at: Plot I Row 4 Grave 11  
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery  
Nettuno, Italy**

**Awards: Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart**

**Hometown: Warren, OH**

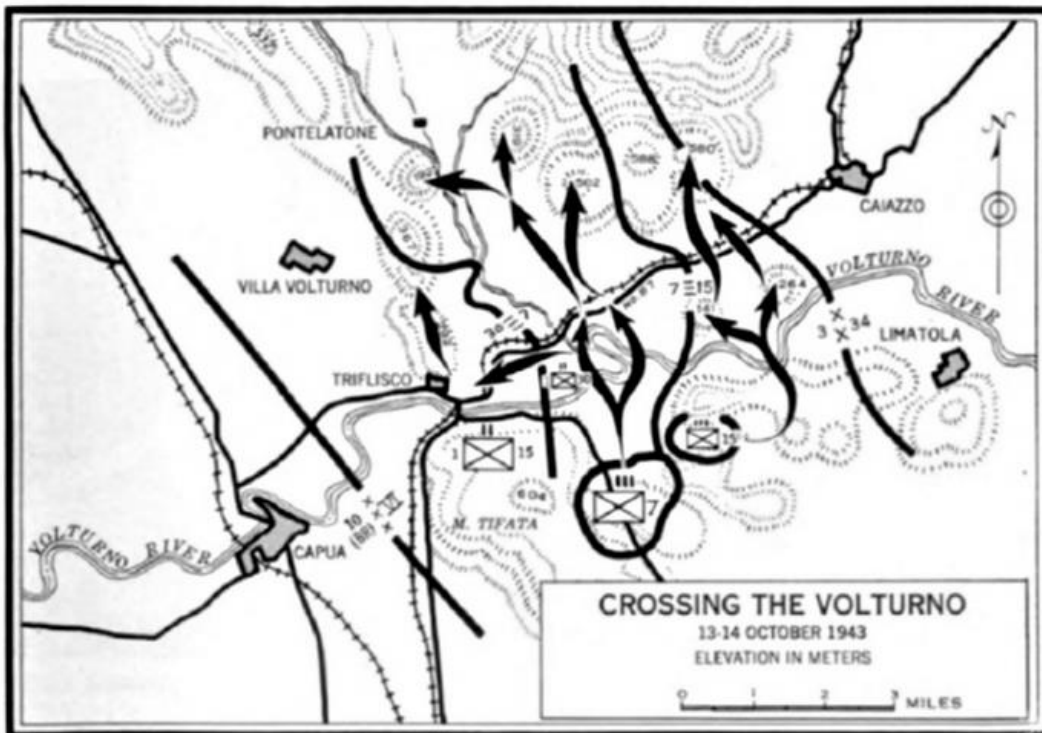


## Silver Star



(Citation Needed): 1LT Jenkin R. Jones (ASN: O-1170439), United States Army, is reported to have been awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy during the period 13-14 October 1943

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By 0800 forward elements of the 1st Battalion had reached the foot of the mountain and within a short time held the flat ground to the left of it,

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south of Highway 87. This highway, the best in the 3d Division zone, runs from Naples through Caserta, crosses the Volturno at Triflisco and again at Amerosi and goes northeast to Pontelandolfo.

The 2d Battalion quickly moved across country toward the objective at Mount Majulo. Many enemy machine-gun nests could not be located in the dark and were by-passed. The 3d Battalion, advancing behind the 2d, engaged these positions at daybreak and, after a series of aggressive fire fights, had cleared the river bank and the irrigation ditches leading to Highway 87. After the 3d had crossed Highway 87, the enemy still remaining in these strongpoints, aware that they were cut off, surrendered.

The 2d Battalion was reorganizing on Mount Majulo when the 3d Battalion arrived on the western slope. At this time K. Company reported six enemy tanks approaching its position. Antitank guns were not yet across the river and the majority of the bazooka teams were out of ammunition. The situation appeared critical. Lt. Jenkin R. Jones, forward observer, 10th Field Artillery, set up his radio and called for artillery fire from the 10th and 39th Field Artillery Battalions, which stopped the enemy armored attack only after the lead tank had approached to within 50 yards of the 3d Battalion's left flank. For his gallantry and quick thought in the face of the enemy Lieutenant Jones was credited with having stopped a serious enemy threat and was awarded the Silver Star. He was killed later on the Anzio Beachhead.

By this time our attached armor had crossed the river at a ford which the 10th Engineers had improved under fire with hand tools, giving the 7th added strength to head off an expected armored counterattack from the northwest. This threat never materialized.