

THE CITATION

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Private Orris W. Corey (ASN: 36184049), United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy while serving with Company A, 540th Engineer Regiment, in North Africa. On the morning of 8 November 1942, Private Corey was detailed to accompany Colonel D.T. Craw and Major P. H. Hamilton through the enemy lines to deliver a communication to the commanding officer of the enemy troops at Port Lyautey. After having made a successful debarkation at the beach at Hehdia under very difficult condition and fire from enemy aircraft and artillery, they proceeded on this extremely hazardous mission toward Port Lyautey. Upon arriving at the outskirts of the town they were met with a burst of machine gun fire which resulted in the death of Colonel Craw. During the progress of the mission and subsequent circumstances of capture and detention, Private Corey evidenced coolness and efficiency worthy of the finest traditions of the Army.

Action Date: 8-Nov-42

Service: Army

Rank: Private

Company: Company A

Battalion: 540th Engineer Regiment



Private (later Tech Sergeant 5) Corey's grave marker at Forest Hill cemetery, Ewart, Michigan