

Hollis Awarded The Silver Star

Captain Charles H. Hollis, chemistry, and agriculture and chemistry '35 of Rock Hill and Clemson, was recently awarded the Silver Star in Italy by Lt. General Mark W. Clark.

Captain Hollis' citation read: Charles H. Hollis, Captain, Hq. Company, Tank Bn. (M). For gallantry in action, near Italy. On the afternoon of xxx September, 1943, Captain Hollis accompanied a tank column as it moved northward along the highway. The column halted when enemy anti-tank and machine guns were encountered. Deploying his quarter-ton truck to the side of the road, Captain Hollis ran to one of the tanks which he judged to have a clear field of fire in the direction of the enemy weapons.

Snipers were extremely active and enemy machine guns strafed the road. Captain Hollis mounted the tank and from this uncovered position directed fire upon the enemy positions. Several bullets struck the turret upon which he was standing, yet he maintained his position until all enemy guns were silenced. His intuitive appraisal of the situation, his skill in directing the fire, and his aggressive and intrepid spirit were instrumental in the accomplishment of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Rock Hill, South Carolina."

Prior to his entering the army, Captain Hollis was assistant chemist for the Fertilizer Inspection and Analysis department here at Clemson.

His brother, 1st Lt. Harris W. Hollis, agriculture '42 of Rock Hill, is now stationed with Headquarters, 13th Airborne Division, Camp Mackall, N. Carolina.