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have won almost 700 decorations for valor. But their ten victories have not been cheaply bought.

Johnson has been awarded the silver star, one oak cluster and a bronze star. He got his first silver star in the fight to hold Mortain.

"We called our command post Chateau Nebelwerfer," he laughed "They were dropping nebelwerfers all over the place—the manure piles, the barns, the front yards, killing cows and chickens. But they didn't hit the house.

"I guess that was the first time they ever gave the silver star to anybody for staying in a house for two weeks, but it was too hot to leave."

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