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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

*1st* CYRUS C. ADDAMS, JR, 01296790, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 7 February 1945, during the assault on the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, Capt Addams, S-3 of an infantry battalion, aided the battalion commander in formulating plans for a last minute change in operations. In order that the attack would be successful, he led the assaulting companies across the open terrain, through heavy mortar and artillery fire, and by his utter disregard for personal safety, and thorough knowledge of the situation, inspired the officers and enlisted men to successfully carry out the plan of attack. Capt Addams' courage, aggressiveness, inspiring leadership, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

*A* Charles R. Blackmore, 15104748, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While the platoon in which Sgt Blackmore served as a squad leader was preparing to cross the Our River into Germany and the Siegfried Line, a heavy artillery barrage inflicted several casualties in the platoon, among whom were the platoon commanders. Immediately assuming control, Sgt Blackmore arranged the evacuation of all wounded and, although the boat assigned for the crossing was destroyed, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he located another and successfully led the platoon on its mission. Sgt Blackmore's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

ARTHUR L. CASS, 02006569, 2d Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 March 1945, Lt Cass, a tank platoon leader, was assigned the mission of clearing enemy troops from a heavily wooded area near Beurig, Germany. Although without infantry support, and in spite of having his tank hit three times by rocket projectiles, Lt Cass succeeded in clearing half of the woods. When infantry support arrived, Lt Cass continued to fight in his damaged but mobile

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tank until another projectile set fire to the tank and wounded Lt Cass. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty made possible the capture of an important objective and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

**E** ALFRED B. COPPERS, 0554340, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 8 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 February 1945, while crossing the Our River into the Siegfried Line near Wallendorf, Germany, an infantry company commander was injured by the intense enemy artillery falling in the area. Lt Coppeters immediately assumed command and courageously led the company in the assault on the heavily defended fortifications. By standing erect during an artillery barrage that had temporarily delayed his company, Lt Coppeters displayed such courage that his men were inspired to move forward out of the impact area, successfully captured nineteen pillboxes, and quickly gain the battalion objective. 'Lt Coppeters' courage, aggressiveness, and superior leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

MATTHEW L. DWYER, JR, 01294994, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany from 28 March 1945, to 3 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 28 March 1945, to 3 April 1945, Capt Dwyer led an infantry battalion from Kastel, Germany, to Kassel, Germany, a distance of over one hundred twenty five miles, climaxing this operation by assaulting and seizing the city of Kassel. Personally leading his troops when severe opposition developed, Capt Dwyer, by his initiative and courage greatly contributed to the total of eleven hundred fifty enemy troops captured and two hundred eighty killed. The courage, aggressiveness, and brilliant leadership displayed by Capt Dwyer are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

**C** MYRON GOLD, 01301292, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany from 6 to 11 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 - 11 February 1945, Capt Gold skillfully led the first infantry company across the swollen Our River and into the Siegfried Line. With limitless energy, he personally led the attack on and seizure of three enemy pillboxes and captured the heights above Wallendorf, Germany. By his inspiring actions and physical assistance, supplies were carried to his men, casualties were evacuated, and the hard won position consolidated. Capt Gold's aggressive energy, inspiring leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Edward J. Madden, 36335845, Cpl (then Pfc), Armd, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 18 January 1945, during the attack on the heavily fortified town of Vichten, Luxembourg, Cpl Madden, a cannoneer of an assault gun, knocked out numerous enemy machine guns, and despite heavy artillery fire, drove into town without any accompanying tank support and overran the enemy positions, resulting in the

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capture of one hundred fifty enemy soldiers. Later that night, having depleted his ammunition load, Cpl Madden walked through sniper and artillery fire to a disabled tank and by transferring the ammunition was able to continue the attack on the following day despite the fact that his supplies were cut off. Cpl Madden's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Emmett M. Martin, 34520844, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 and 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After elements of an infantry battalion had seized a portion of Weiskircher, Germany, on 15 March 1945, telephone communications became imperative when these elements were surrounded. Pfc Martin, as a member of a battalion wire team, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines and lay wire to the village. During the night and the following day the team made eight trips through the lines. On the first return trip, although discovered and fired on, they evacuated two seriously wounded soldiers and on another trip captured thirty eight German soldiers. By maintaining communications to the beleaguered troops, Pfc Martin and his companions played a large part in holding the town and battalion objective. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

B GEORGE F. McGRATH, 01301852, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany from 6 to 10 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the difficult crossing of the Our River near Wallendorf, Germany, and the assault into the Siegfried Line from 6 to 10 February 1945, Lt McGrath, commanding an infantry company, so capably led his men that his company suffered few casualties. Despite intense enemy artillery concentrations, Lt McGrath inspired his men by leading each attack with little regard for his own personal safety until wounded and evacuated. His courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Charles T. Moseley, 34518572, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 and 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After elements of an infantry battalion had seized a portion of Weiskirchen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, telephone communications became imperative when these elements were surrounded. Pfc Moseley, as a member of a battalion wire team, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines and lay wire to the village. During the night and the following day the team made eight trips through the lines. On the first return trip, although discovered and fired on, they evacuated two seriously wounded soldiers and on another trip captured thirty eight German soldiers. By maintaining communications to the beleaguered troops, Pfc Moseley and his companions played a large part in holding the town and battalion objective. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

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IVAN W. WALKER, 02000080, 2d Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 18 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 18 February 1945, while attacking the heavily fortified position near Beaufort, Germany, Lt Walker's command tank was set ablaze by a direct hit which wounded him and his entire crew. Despite his own injuries and the continuous shelling, Lt Walker extinguished the fire and, after extricating all the crew, carried them one by one to a place where medical aid could be had. Lt Walker's courage, determination, and devotion to his men and duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

Joseph A. Whiteman, 33320752, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 and 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After elements of an infantry battalion had seized a portion of Weiskirchen, Germany, on 15 March 1945, telephone communications became imperative when these elements were surrounded. Pfc Whiteman, as a member of a battalion wire team, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines and lay wire to the village. During the night and the following day the team made eight trips through the lines. On the first return trip, although discovered and fired on, they evacuated two seriously wounded soldiers and on another trip captured thirty eight German soldiers. By maintaining communications to the beleaguered troops Pfc Whiteman and his companions played a large part in holding the town and battalion objective. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Daniel J. Zarrilli, 32407660, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 20 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 20 February 1945, while evacuating casualties from Enzen, Germany, over mined roads to a collecting station, Tec 5 Zarrilli, an ambulance driver, with full knowledge of the great risk involved, carefully maneuvered past a burning tank seconds prior to the tank's exploding. Later that night, while following an ammunition truck over the dangerous route, an exploding mine detonated the load of ammunition. Disregarding the personal risk, Tec 5 Zarrilli gave aid to the wounded men near the still exploding truck and continued with his mission of evacuating casualties. His courage, bravery, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Sgt Casimir A. Szeffler, 32922390, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 8 November 1944.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Pfc Glenn Simms, 35795685, Cav, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 23 January 1945.

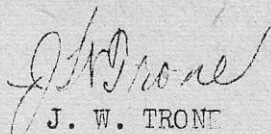
IV. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded Pfc Glenn Simms, 35795685, Cav, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Luxembourg on 16 January 1945.

V. Section XII, General Orders Number 55, this Headquarters, dated 24 February 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Pvt Edmund R. Robere, 36546018, Inf, 21 Feb 45, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

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