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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

HIRAM D. IVES, 0263687, Lt Col, Infantry, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At Britten, Germany, a battalion spearheaded an important attack after the commander was evacuated. Lt Col Ives, Regimental Executive Officer, personally went to the assault companies, remained with them throughout the action and overcame the enemy's tactical advantage. With renewed confidence the battalion drove the Germans to rout. Such inspirational leadership and resourcefulness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

II. 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:

GEORGE PFEIFFER, 01053300, 2d Lt, Infantry, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the advance on Britten, Germany, an enemy strongpoint in a heavily wooded area was encountered. Lt Pfeiffer, leading his platoon in the initial assault, was wounded in the foot, but, although walking was painful, continued in the attack until the woods were cleared. Such courage and aggressiveness are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Jack A. Magnuson, 36416586, Sgt (then Pfc), Hq Co, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 20 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While temporarily held up by stiff enemy resistance near Kusel, Germany, Sgt Magnuson noticed a bridge which was in danger of being blown up as a delaying measure. Without hesitation Sgt Magnuson ran 100 yards to the bridge under fire, cut the wire leading to the demolition charge, and thus enabled his platoon to pass over the bridge without delay. Sgt Magnuson's courage and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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WALTER T. SNODDY, JR, 0470200, Capt, MC, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 11 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At Ober Grunstedt, Germany, after a motor column was surprised by severe enemy fire and several men were wounded, Capt Snoddy exhibited outstanding bravery and disregard for personal safety as he gave relief to the wounded. One man in a truck was bleeding profusely. Capt Snoddy mounted the truck and while under enemy observation administered aid which saved the soldier's life. Such courage and efficiency are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

III. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

PAUL W. JONES, 01823741, 1st Lt, FA, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Laakirchen, Austria on 12 May 1945. Lt Jones courageously distinguished himself by voluntarily uncoupling and personally supervising the removal of 27 ammunition laden freight cars from two vigorously burning and exploding cars. His heroic action saved valuable government property and many lives. Lt Jones' heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FRANCE B. McCONKIE, 0416413, Capt, FA, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy in Laakirchen, Austria on 12 May 1945. Capt McConkie courageously distinguished himself by voluntarily uncoupling and personally supervising the removal of 27 ammunition laden freight cars from two vigorously burning and exploding cars. His heroic action saved valuable government property and many lives. Capt McConkie's heroism and supreme devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

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