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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL: 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:

✓ WILLIAM H. HESSDEFFER, 35677526, Pfc, Co C, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In an attack near CHEMERY, FRANCE, when his squad leader was wounded, Pfc HESSDEFFER, a rifleman, assumed command of his squad and, through sound tactical knowledge, led his comrades in successfully reducing an enemy strong point. Though wounded, he carried on and was an inspiration to his comrades by his audacious aggressiveness. Pfc HESSDEFFER'S courage, initiative, and inspirational leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ KENNETH C. MARTIN, 0513338, Capt, Ch Corps, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 21 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving with an assaulting infantry rifle battalion, attacking NEUSTADT, GERMANY, a heavy concentration of enemy fire inflicted numerous casualties and halted the advance. Disregarding his personal safety, Chaplain MARTIN rushed forward under the intense fire to administer first aid and carry many wounded to safety, his dauntless spirit inspiring the troops to resume the attack and seize the objective. Chaplain MARTIN'S outstanding courage and inspiration exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from IOWA.

LELAND H. TREAP, 35385757, Cpl, Btry C, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as an instrument operator with an artillery forward observer team at CHEMERY, FRANCE, Cpl TREAP, though severely wounded, volunteered to remain on duty because his evacuation would create additional hardships for the remaining members, and continued until the objective was accomplished. Returning with prisoners, he successfully conducted them to the rear despite enemy artillery fire. Cpl TREAP'S outstanding courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OHIO.

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✓ TURNER B. WILSON, 34990391, S Sgt (then Pfc), Co B, 313th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in BELGIUM on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his assaulting infantry rifle company was unable to advance in attacking HONVILLE, BELGIUM, because they were pinned down by heavy enemy fire, S Sgt WILSON voluntarily crawled 200 yards to a position from which he threw grenades and silenced an enemy machine gun nest. Discovering a second emplacement, he directed his automatic rifle at it, forcing the enemy to surrender. S Sgt WILSON'S outstanding courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

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

PAUL J. BURGIO, 31144428, Cpl, Btry A, 313th FA Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 27 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At MAINZ, GERMANY, during the crossing of the Rhine River, the infantry was delayed by heavy enemy artillery fire. Cpl BURGIO was called to make shell reports. Under heavy fire, disregarding his personal safety, Cpl BURGIO delivered the urgent information necessary to silence the enemy batteries and speeding up the crossing of the Rhine. Cpl BURGIO'S courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

CLIFFORD E. CANTWELL, 38683900, Pfc (then Pvt), AT Co, 317th Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in LUXEMBOURG on 6 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Acting as a rear guard in the attack on KEMMEN, LUXEMBOURG, Pfc CANTWELL laid down a base of protecting fire to cover his company's movement. When his ammunition was expended and he alone remained in contact with the enemy, he threw his last grenade and escaped the trap. Pfc CANTWELL'S courage, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

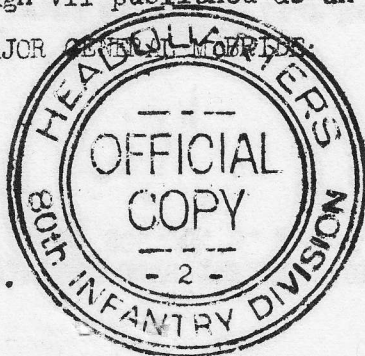
MACK C. JOHNSON, 01328038, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), Infantry, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division (then 317th Infantry), United States Army. For heroic achievement in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In the attack on Hill 420, near ENZEN, GERMANY, the leading rifle platoon became pinned down in an exposed position due to intense enemy fire. Lt JOHNSON, disregarding his personal safety, led his machine gun platoon forward over 1500 yards under hostile fire to a more advantageous position from which to give effective overhead fire, enabling the successful advance of the infantry. Lt JOHNSON'S courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

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