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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:

KENNETH W. HODGDON, O1165511, Capt, FA, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 14 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as battery commander near OBERZERF, GERMANY, Capt HODGDON volunteered to take one gun section forward to make registration for the battalion although the area was under intense enemy fire, his action making it possible for other firing batteries to take up positions enabling them to render effective fire on the enemy. Capt HODGDON'S heroic action and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MAINE.

JOHN LABRIOLE, O2006492, 1st Lt (then 2d Lt), CE, 305th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 22 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Assigned the mission of clearing a road of all obstacles and mines preparatory to an attack at dawn, Lt LABRIOLE ordered his men to take cover and advanced alone 400 yards beyond an infantry outpost under withering enemy machine gun fire rather than expose the rest of his squad, successfully removing the mines and returning safely. Lt LABRIOLE'S outstanding courage, skill, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from RHODE ISLAND.

✓ HUGH F. QUEENIN, O369463, 1st Lt, Infantry, 318th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When severe enemy fire held up the infantry's Seille River crossing at NOMENY, FRANCE, Lt QUEENIN, machine gun platoon leader, with a comrade, voluntarily advanced 600 yards with such tactical skill and stealth that the crews of four enemy machine guns were captured intact without firing a shot, resulting in the successful completion of their mission. Lt QUEENIN'S outstanding leadership, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

JOHN A. TANTILLO, O925007, Capt, CE, 305th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 21 - 22 February 1945, at LAHR, GERMANY, despite heavy enemy fire and the need for using many men who had never experienced enemy action, Capt

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TANTILLO'S superb leadership and reassuring inspiration to his men resulted in the construction of a bridge essential to the planned tank and infantry attack the next dawn. Capt TANTILLO'S outstanding leadership, courage, and resourcefulness exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

KARL E. TAYLOR, 38086886, Tec 5, Med Det, 305th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE on 11 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Thinking two men had been wounded by shell fire, Tec 5 TAYLOR ran to their aid and administered first aid. Learning however that he was in an anti-personnel mine field, he retraced his steps, carrying one of the wounded to safety and, disregarding his personal safety, returned and evacuated the second casualty. Tec 5 TAYLOR'S courage, gallantry, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA.

ROBERT E. THURSTON, 0341428, Capt, FA, 314th FA Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY on 13 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At ZERF, GERMANY, to get wire communications to the infantry, Capt THURSTON, battalion communications officer, elected to personally supervise the location and installation of a vital wire head, using a road under direct enemy observation and fire. This communication proved invaluable in transmitting urgent fire missions and important information to higher headquarters. Capt THURSTON'S bravery, heroic determination, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

LEO A. YEMOLA, 33349096, S Sgt (then Sgt), AT Co, 319th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG on 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as mine platoon squad leader during the severe fighting at DAHL, LUXEMBOURG, S Sgt YEMOLA, with disregard for his personal safety, under heavy enemy fire, organized and led his men in laying a mine field 400 yards beyond friendly outposts. As a result of his heroic action, a severe enemy counter-attack by tank and infantry forces was repelled. S Sgt YEMOLA'S outstanding leadership, courage, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

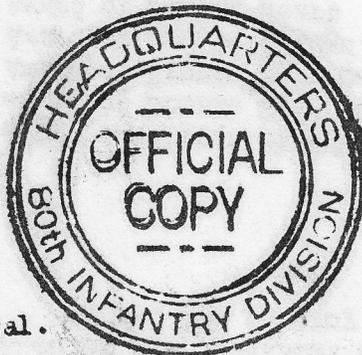
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