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None over 24 January 1945.

SECTION

- I - Award of Silver Star.
- II - Award of Bronze Star.

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:

Paul W. Capps, 37008593, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 24 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, in the absence of a platoon leader, T Sgt Capps commanded a rifle platoon in a defensive position. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, T Sgt Capps received a painful arm wound. Refusing evacuation, he rallied his comrades, and in the direct face of the raking mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, he infiltrated his platoon into positions on the right flank of the company where the enemy threatened, thereby repelling the attempted assault. During the final phases of this action T Sgt Capps received additional wounds which forced his evacuation. His bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Thomas C. Clark, 34788870, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, the platoon to which Pfc Clark was attached as a rifleman led a battalion assault on strongly held enemy positions. During the course of the fiercely contested battle the squad leader became a casualty and Pfc Clark received a wound in the left arm. Realizing the importance of the squad position to the entire plan of attack, Pfc Clark, refusing medical aid, assumed command and rallied the squad to hold the vital ground gained until supporting forces arrived. His courage, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

J. H. Crane, 6930223, Pvt, Inf, United States Army. For gallantry in action in France on 13 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 November 1944, the company in which Pvt Crane served as Acting Squad Leader was temporarily delayed by cross-fire from a well defended enemy machine gun position. With utter disregard for his own safety, Pvt Crane advanced directly into the field of fire of the enemy machine gun until he was able to fire at and kill the machine gunner. Then, with the support of his squad he rushed the position, completely neutralizing the enemy fire and enabling the company to proceed and attain the objective. The courage, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by

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Pvt Crane are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR: 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:

Herman D. Beckman, 34213801, Tec 4, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

John F. Marron, 33320381, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 13 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Wilbur F. Miller, 20342501, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 11 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

WILLIAM V. MUSTO, 01165542, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

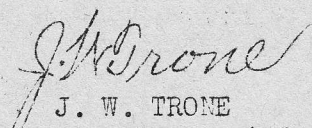
Edwin L. Nichols, 32131533, S Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Ernest M. Smith, 39309695, T Sgt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

S. P. WALKER
Colonel, Cavalry,
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