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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

Kenneth L. Marburger, 35358927, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, Pfc Marburger, serving as an automatic rifleman with an infantry rifle company in an assault upon a strongly held enemy village, assisted considerably in the advance by his fearless tactics. In an effort to afford his platoon sufficient time to organize a defense, when the enemy suddenly launched a fanatic thrust, Pfc Marburger, with utter disregard for his own safety, took a standing position and began firing directly into the enemy forces. His accurate and continuous fire temporarily demoralized the enemy and gave his platoon sufficient time to consolidate their position and commit the support squad. It was while firing from this upright position that he was mortally wounded. The bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Marburger exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (PRISONER OF WAR): 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 (Prisoner of War):

Frank J. Lenner, 35313316, Cpl, Cav, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 31 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While on a mounted reconnaissance on 31 August 1944, Cpl Lenner perceived that his advance section had unavoidably been ambushed by enemy tanks and infantrymen. Dismounting and organizing his section into a hasty defense to effectively return the fire of the enemy, he was able to hold back the attacking forces long enough to allow his return to his disabled vehicle to radio to the following sections of the reconnaissance and warn them of the ambush. During the fire fight following this timely action by Cpl Lenner he was taken prisoner by the enemy. His courage, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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III. 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:

Melvin H. Dowdy, 35483031, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, while on duty as a member of an anti-tank squad, Pfc Dowdy was temporarily dazed by the concussion from an exploding shell during a severe enemy artillery and mortar concentration on their position. Disregarding his own safety, he proceeded to the aid of three wounded comrades who lay in an exposed position and had called for aid. Despite the constant mortar and small arms fire in the area he administered first aid to the men during which time he was again hurled to the ground by the shock of a bursting shell. With the help of members of the gun crew, the three soldiers were eventually evacuated on stretchers which Pfc Dowdy improvised with blankets and tree limbs. His courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Ralph C. Freeman, Jr, 35461122, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 13 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 13 September 1944, heavy artillery fire made it necessary for the platoon in which T Sgt Freeman served to move their mortars to the rear of an adjoining company. At this time all but one of the wounded were evacuated. Refusing to leave their injured comrade, T Sgt Freeman and another non-commissioned officer remained behind and later when fifteen of the enemy attempted to take the position the three men fired on them killing three, wounding one, and driving the other eleven into friendly troops where they were annihilated. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Freeman exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Raymond W. Gaberlein, 13097559, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 and 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, learning that the lead scout of an attacking rifle company was wounded and that the tactical situation made it impossible for the company to advance to a position where aid men could administer to the injured man, S Sgt Gaberlein crawled forward under heavy automatic and small arms fire to successfully reach and treat the wounded scout. On the following day S Sgt Gaberlein repeatedly led litter bearers and personally supervised the evacuation of all casualties in spite of severe artillery fire. His bravery, tireless efforts, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert E. Grady, 35013448, 1st 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, while in charge of the company command post during the temporary absence of the commanding officer, 1st Sgt Grady and his men were assaulted on a flank by a German thrust supported by tanks and artillery fire. Percei

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gravity of the situation and the importance of the position held, he organized his command group of five men, instructing them to withhold fire until the enemy was within seventy five yards. Although under direct 88mm fire, Sgt Grady moved from the shelter of buildings, into full view of the enemy, firing his rifle, and hurling hand grenades which, coupled with the fire of his men, successfully repulsed the enemy thrust. His courage, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Julius Gralla, 42049982, Pfc, 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, Pfc Gralla was stationed at a company command post when the position was assaulted on a flank by a German thrust supported by tanks and artillery fire. Led by the 1st Sgt, Pfc Gralla and four other comrades held their fire until the enemy were within seventy five yards of their position. Although under direct 88mm fire, Pfc Gralla moved from the shelter of buildings into full view of the enemy firing his rifle and hurling hand grenades which contributed greatly in successfully repulsing the enemy thrust. His courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM F. HUMPHREYS, 01322553, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, Lt Humphreys, platoon leader, assumed charge of a reserve rifle company when the commanding officer became a casualty. Before another company commander could be secured, the company was committed to attack on the left flank of the battalion to relieve pressure on the two assaulting companies. Lt Humphreys then organized the attack and with the newly assigned commander led the company into enemy held positions. During the assault he was painfully wounded by shrapnel but refused to allow himself to be evacuated until all of the injured were treated and he had reported to the battalion commander the progress and situation of the company. The courage, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Humphreys exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD S. JAMESON, 01175179, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the enemy artillery barrage which was falling about the Division Artillery CP on 5 January 1945, Lt Jameson, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily exposed himself to this fire by proceeding to examine the area into which the rounds were falling to obtain shell reports. This information was responsible for the neutralization of the enemy battery and the act occurred when any interruption in the operation of the Division Artillery CP would have seriously hampered artillery support of the Division effort. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Lt Jameson are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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GEORGE W. KANE, C1058859, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, in the capacity of a combat platoon leader, Lt Kane, perceiving that the company to which he was attached was being temporarily delayed and suffering casualties from the fire of enemy automatic weapons firmly emplaced on high ground to the right flank, aggressively took charge of two partially depleted platoons and successfully routed the enemy from the ridge thereby enabling the company to seize and secure the assigned objective. The bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Kane are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Charles E. Keeney, 33367034, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an enemy artillery barrage which was falling about the Division Artillery CP on 5 January 1945, Sgt Keeney, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily exposed himself to this fire by proceeding to examine the area into which the rounds were falling to assist in obtaining shell reports. This information was responsible for the neutralization of the enemy battery and the act occurred when any interruption in the operation of the Division Artillery CP would have seriously hampered artillery support of the Division effort. The courage, initiative, and constant devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Keeney are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

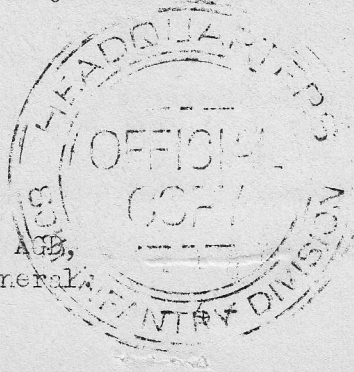
Arthur H. Kuhn, 36629909, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 26 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 December 1944, while taking part in an assault, Pfc Kuhn was painfully wounded by shrapnel from an enemy artillery concentration. A well emplaced enemy machine gun was inflicting casualties in the platoon. Despite his injuries and intense machine gun and small arms fire he continued in the attack, carrying two seriously wounded comrades across open terrain to the safety of a defilade position. He then remained on the field of battle until the objective of the company was seized and secured by adequate defenses after which he allowed himself to be evacuated. The bravery, determination, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Kuhn exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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IV. 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:

Wilbur Koelwyn, 35312097, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 14 September 1944, and on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 14 September 1944, T Sgt Koelwyn and a companion noticed a platoon of Germans in the act of capturing an armored car and its two occupants. Assuming a commanding position, the two men began firing upon the platoon thereby enabling the two Americans in the armored car to man their automatic weapons. Continuing with the attack, T Sgt Koelwyn succeeded in taking thirty prisoners, including one officer. On 8 November 1944, T Sgt Koelwyn and his squad had the mission of establishing a defensive position for the protection of the battalion area. Before he had an opportunity to complete this assignment the enemy launched an assault. Despite intense rifle, machine gun, and machine pistol fire, T Sgt Koelwyn and his men successfully routed the enemy, wounding nine and killing three. His bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

✓ WALTER C. LOWRY, JR, 0535966, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. In an attack upon the enemy on 26 November 1944, Lt Lowry, a forward observer with an infantry battalion, was wounded by a shell fragment during an extremely heavy enemy artillery concentration. His accompanying radio operator became a casualty and the radio, the only direct communication with the firing battery, was destroyed in the same barrage. Despite his injuries and with utter disregard of the danger from artillery and mortar fire, Lt Lowry, by using the battalion radio, continued to direct artillery fire on the enemy installations. His actions enabled the infantrymen to advance and successfully complete the assigned mission. The courage, aggressiveness, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Lowry are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Celestino E. Lucero, 38165462, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Belgium on 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 December 1944, Sgt Lucero led his rifle squad in an assault against well prepared enemy positions which utilized machine gun fire through a draw directly in the route of advance of the squad. Making quick and accurate estimate of the situation, Sgt Lucero ordered his men to covered positions and with utter disregard for his own safety proceeded to assault the machine gun position by crawling to a distance from which he effectively hurled grenades to destroy the installation and capture the gun crew. His actions enabled the company

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seize the assigned objected. The bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Lucero exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Mexico.

V. 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:

EUGENE B. KRUCZYK, 01000605, Capt, AGD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 23 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

Samuel H. Leal, 38114012, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Robert E. Lee, 33355186, Cpl, 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 Pennsylvania.

William R. Markham, 14018242, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 18 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Edward Pusanik, 33240454, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HENRY REISING, 01173753, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 29 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Clarence V. Seidel, Jr, 33354647, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Arthur Stewart, 33178042, M Sgt, 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 Pennsylvania.

Cecil G. Stiles, 13017961, S Sgt, Cav, United States Army. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 November 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Charles G. Super, Jr, 33320480, Tec 5, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

William E. Walters, 33349110, S Sgt, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 20 August 1944, to 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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