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25 December 1944.

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 Officer and Enlisted Man:

HOWARD E. KASTEN, 01306852, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 4 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Lt Kasten was leading his infantry rifle platoon in an assault on enemy machine gun emplacements in France. The focal point of enemy resistance was a farm house. All avenues of approach to this position offered neither cover or concealment, and the advance of the platoon was temporarily delayed. Lt Kasten, with utter disregard for his own safety, personally assaulted the farmhouse, over an open field and directly in the face of the machine gun fire. Hurling hand grenades, he silenced one of the enemy emplacements before he was mortally wounded. Unable to continue, he lay on the ground, calling to his platoon to continue the attack, and directing them as they passed his position. The personal bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Kasten exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Francis E. Smith, 34537723, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 2 November 1944, Pfc Smith, a rifleman, volunteered to cross a flooded river in a daylight attempt to enter an enemy held village, in order to secure information relative to the strength and position of the enemy. Crossing the river on a narrow under water foot bridge, he gained entry into the town. Quickly and skillfully he located enemy road blocks, gun positions, and the enemy command post location. Returning to his company area, he related the information he had gained and requested permission to cross the river again that afternoon for further information. From this patrol he failed to return. The exemplary initiative and inspiring devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Smith are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

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 Officer:

WILLIS J. KING, 01284200, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 11 November 1944, in connection with military

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operations against an enemy of the United States. Capt King, on 11 November 1944, contributed to the preparation and coordination of the various elements of his battalion in the successful attack on an enemy held bridge and town. From his position in front of the battalion, Capt King started the final assault through an inferno of enemy small arms, machine gun, 40mm, and 155mm Artillery, and direct fire from Tiger Tanks to capture this enemy held bridge and take the town beyond. Capt King's intelligent planning, continuous efforts to keep coordination of the elements of the battalion, determination and zealous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

III. 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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

Gordon McDonald, 35312021, T Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944 to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

John W. McLaughlin, 35388404, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 9 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

S ✓ Broders G. Moore, 33197791, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

William Mosley, 33348160, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 12 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Adolf J. Slagus, 32113088, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 16 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

GEORGE B. SMEBY, 01165571, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 20 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

K EDWARD B. SMITH, 0379633, Capt (then 1st Lt), Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 5 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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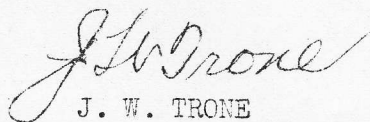
George E. Spencer, 36688840, T Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France during the period 15 - 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On the night of 15 November 1944, during a heavy snowstorm, T Sgt Spencer led a platoon in an attack on an enemy held village. Observing an enemy soldier on the road, he forcefully seized and captured him. The outpost was awakened and the platoon withdrew under heavy machine gun fire. The following day T Sgt Spencer voluntarily made a reconnaissance of the enemy positions. Wounded in the leg by enemy machine gun fire, he returned to his battalion with accurate information which was of great value in the successful assault on the village later that day. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by T Sgt Spencer are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Fred D. W. Stone, 18130505, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 21 August 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 August 1944, after a particularly fierce battle in the closing of the * * * * *, Pfc Stone and one other soldier attempted to evacuate casualties to an ambulance collecting point through enemy mine fields and booby traps. Two wounded were successfully evacuated but on the return trip Pfc Stone's companion detonated a mine, blowing off one leg and breaking the other. By a heroic effort, Pfc Stone carried his comrade to the aid station and then, unhesitatingly returned through this hazardous area to complete his mission. The zealous devotion to duty, conspicuous bravery, and disregard of personal risk shown by Pfc Stone exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

By command of Major General McBRIDE:

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