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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:

Lawrence F. Rothman, 15307053, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as an aid man with a rifle company which was clearing Weiskirchen, Germany, on 16 March 1945, Pvt Rothman observed a wounded soldier who had fallen in the street. Disregarding the fierce house to house fighting and his own personal safety, he ran to the aid of the injured man and, after removing him to safety, administered medical assistance. Later while going to the aid of two other wounded men he was painfully wounded on the chin, but refusing all aid, continued to administer first aid to all the other injured before dressing his own wounds. The courage and untiring devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Rothman exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

DANIEL H. SIMMONS, 01049647, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 15 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. As leader of an assault platoon in an infantry attack near Frommersbach, Germany, Lt Simmons coordinated and led his platoon with such skill and aggressiveness that seventy five enemy soldiers were captured, fifty killed, an 88mm gun seized, and large stores of material captured without a single casualty. The expert, aggressive leadership and efficiency under fire displayed by Lt Simmons are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JOHN R. SINGLETON, 0533479, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the assault on Weiskirchen, Germany, on 10 March 1945, Capt Singleton's company was temporarily delayed by frontal fire from an enemy machine gun. Crawling forward alone, he located the gun positions and when only thirty yards from the enemy rose to his feet and, with rifle fire, killed two of the crew and drove off the third man. Returning, he led his company into the town where he personally led his men in the savage hand to hand struggle to seize the town. The courage, initiative, and aggressive leadership displayed by Capt Singleton exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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Robert K. Smith, 37723060, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 4 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 March 1945, Pvt Smith, a rifleman serving as an aid man, accompanied a battle patrol near Flebein, Germany. When one of the patrol was wounded, Pvt Smith dropped behind to dress his wounds and when he later located the patrol he found it surrounded by enemy soldiers. Realizing his mission, he infiltrated to his comrades in order to render aid to all casualties and when the patrol broke free and returned to Flebein, he accompanied it until wounded during an artillery concentration. Pvt Smith's courage and sincere devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

Andrew T. Sowinski, 36715406, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the bitter street fighting in Weiskirchen, Germany, on 16 March 1945, from a building Pfc Sowinski observed two seriously wounded men emerge from a burning tank and seek cover in a ditch from the continuous machine gun fire directed at them. Disregarding warnings and the danger involved, he made his way to the men and, after dressing their wounds, crawled to safety with a man on his back and then returned for the other. Through his efforts both men were evacuated. Pfc Sowinski's courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

ERNEST M. STALLINGS, 0420347, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 February 1945, while leading his rifle company in an assault through heavy woods near Froil- ingenhoke, Germany, Capt Stallings observed an enemy tank in a clearing to his front. Deploying the company, he moved forward to appraise the situation and located eight enemy tanks. While withdrawing to contact and register friendly artillery on the enemy he was observed and fired on by the Germans and in the resulting fire fight killed an enemy tank commander. Later, by registering accurate fire on the enemy position, Capt Stallings destroyed three tanks and drove off the remainder. His courage, initiative, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

I Harry C. Stultz, 31354720, Cpl, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 19 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 19 February 1945, during an attack on Enzen, Germany, Cpl Stultz, an assistant squad leader, observed two enemy tanks whose fire was seriously delaying his rifle company's advance. With utter disregard for his own safety, he voluntarily crawled over exposed terrain to a position from which he accurately fired two rockets at the tanks, disabling the first and forcing the second to withdraw. Cpl Stultz's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty made it possible for the company to attain its objective and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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John F. Vonada, 33504844, T Sgt (then S Sgt), Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 16 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the fierce fighting for Weiskirchen, Germany, on 16 March 1945, T Sgt Vonada was assigned to lead his squad against a strongly defended church. Moving across an open lot, they were fired on by a machine gun and after taking cover T Sgt Vonada located the position and alone moved to destroy it. Working from house to house he reached a point from which he fired a grenade, destroying both gun and crew. Observing another gun, he also destroyed it and then returned to successfully lead his squad on its mission. T Sgt Vonada's courage, aggressiveness, and leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Milton C. Wilhoite, 35797481, Pvt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 2 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. At Kassel, Germany, on 2 April 1945, a strong enemy tank and infantry attack threatened to overrun the Battalion Command Post. Pvt Wilhoite, an ammunition bearer, volunteered and accompanied the battalion commander in stalking two enemy tanks damaged by rocket fire. When all the ammunition was expended, Pvt Wilhoite returned over exposed terrain to obtain an additional supply and then aided in burning a tank whose crew had been driven off by their accurate fire. Pvt Wilhoite's courage and untiring devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Howard M. Williams, 35462623, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 26 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 26 September 1944, Sgt Williams, during the attack on Moivron, France, personally killed eight of the retreating enemy and led his squad in a successful assault on an enemy machine gun nest, destroying the gun and crew. Observing another machine gun which had been by-passed, he crawled back to the position alone and shot the gunner and destroyed the weapon. Returning, he again led his squad on to its objective. Sgt Williams' bravery, aggressiveness, leadership, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and two bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

GEORGE R. FREDLUND, 01177803, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 19 February 1945, to 23 March 1945, as an Artillery Liaison Pilot in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a fourth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

LOUIS J. HAVERLANDT, O1175734 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Luxembourg and Germany during the period 28 January 1945, to 22 February 1945, as an Artillery Aerial Observer in successfully completing the required number of sorties while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Montana.

IV. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal and five bronze Oak Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a sixth bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

HUBERT H. KENYON, O1170448, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Germany on 9 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After a regiment of infantry had crossed the Our River by boat on 9 February 1945, the area of crossing came under direct enemy machine gun fire making it impossible to return for supplies. Serving as pilot of an artillery liaison plane, Lt Kenyon volunteered to make nine trips and, although under enemy machine gun fire, dropped medical supplies, ammunition, rations, and blankets to the infantry. The bravery and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Lt Kenyon are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded T Sgt Leo J. Rose, 35460892, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 15 February 1945.

VI. Section V, General Orders Number 99, this Headquarters, dated 10 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to S Sgt Leo J. Rose, 35460892, Inf, 5 Apr 45, is amended to award enlisted man the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MCBRIDE:

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