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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:

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MARION C. CHITWOOD, 01285548, Capt, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 10 April 1945, during an attack near Neudietendorf, Germany, one company of the battalion was temporarily delayed by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Capt Chitwood, Battalion S-3, was dispatched to assist in reorganizing and expediting the attack. While he and the company commander were leading a renewed attack and were engaged in a fierce house to house fight both officers were wounded. Capt Chitwood, utterly disregarding his own wounds, aided the wounded company commander and only after all other casualties were given aid would he permit his own evacuation. Capt Chitwood's courage, unselfishness, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana. *APV*

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Ted D. Christy, 18110203, Pfc, Company F, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 12 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 12 April 1945, during an assault on Erfurt, Germany, all of the enemy were killed or captured in their forward positions with the exception of one officer whom Pfc Christy observed running to the rear. Disregarding enemy fire, Pfc Christy pursued this officer into a building three hundred yards forward of his own lines. After wounding the officer in a fire fight, he captured and returned him to the company positions where on interrogation he revealed information that enabled the company to flank and capture seventy five Germans without suffering a casualty. The courageous aggressiveness, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Christy exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas. *APV*

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SAMUEL E. CLARK, 0887621, 1st Lt, 318th Infantry, 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. During an assault near Kassel, Germany, on 2 April 1945, the anti-tank platoon of which Lt Clark was platoon leader was moving into position when fired on by six enemy tanks. Realizing that the guns were not in position to return the fire, Lt Clark and his platoon sergeant manned .50 calibre machine guns to protect the movement to a better position. The effective and accurate fire directed at the enemy *APV*

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tanks by Lt Clark enabled the anti-tank guns to take a firing position from which they routed the enemy. His courage, bravery, and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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FIRMAN L. CUNNINGHAM, 01054090, 1st Lt, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 10 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During an attack on Schmira, Germany, on 10 April 1945, an enemy machine gun prevented the weapons platoon led by Lt Cunningham from establishing firing positions to support the advance. Lt Cunningham and his platoon runner crawled to within thirty yards of the enemy. Lt Cunningham fired at the enemy machine gun to draw its fire while his runner assaulted with grenades, destroying the gun and crew. The courage, aggressive leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt Cunningham are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee. *APV*

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Michael Difendis, 32903761, S Sgt (then Pvt), Company A, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 17 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the attack on Hill 380 near Pont-a-Mousson, France, on 17 September 1944, S Sgt Difendis discovered a wounded American who was unable to move from the area from which the infantry was withdrawing in order to reorganize for another attack. Realizing that the enemy would capture the man, S Sgt Difendis picked him up and while attempting to evacuate him was attacked by two armed enemy soldiers. S Sgt Difendis threw a trench knife, his only weapon, and killed one of the men and closing with the other wrested his rifle from him. Although he received a hand wound in the fight he evacuated his wounded comrade to an aid station. The extraordinary courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Difendis exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York. *SEP*

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Frederick A. Joyner, 34946135, Pfc, Company B, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Germany on 21 March 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 21 March 1945, during an assault near Neustadt, Germany, Company B, 318th Infantry, in which Pfc Joyner served as a machine gunner, was subjected to intense fire from three enemy machine guns. Realizing the need for immediate action, Pfc Joyner ran to the center of the highway, set up his light machine gun, and so effectively delivered fire on the enemy guns that one was destroyed, another crew abandoned their gun, and the third surrendered. Pfc Joyner's gallant courage, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida. *MAR*

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VIII. 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:

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GORDON L. BOYD, 01178716, 1st Lt, 315th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany during the period 25 February 1945, to 29 April 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 Wisconsin.

IX. 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 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named personnel:

905th
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JACK J. FLYNN, 01167838, 1st Lt, 905th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in Germany during the period 3 March 1945, to 5 May 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 New Jersey.

X. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

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BRIGGS LATHROP, 01167948, Capt, 905th Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious achievement in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 15 August 1944, to 7 May 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 Ohio.

XI. 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 1ST LT FRANK S. PARKER, JR, 01319330, 318th Infantry, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France on 11 November 1944.

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XII. 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 Sgt Raymond K. Jenkins, 33127393, Inf, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 12 March 1945.

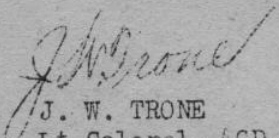
XIII. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (OAK LEAF CLUSTER): By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded S Sgt Lazarus L. Turkoff, 32107148, Armd, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany on 18 February 1945.

XIV. Section II, General Orders Number 129, this Headquarters, dated 18 May 1945, as awards the Silver Star (Oak Leaf Cluster) to CAPT WILLIAM H. CHAMBERLAIN, 01284292, Inf, is amended to award officer a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal.

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