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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:

Hilmar R. Bruggeman, 19179195, Sgt, MD, 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. On 26 November 1944, during an attack on the enemy, Sgt Bruggeman, accompanied by three comrades, voluntarily and with utter disregard of his own safety, proceeded in the face of enemy fire in an attempt to evacuate the wounded. After his vehicle was disabled by enemy shell fire he ran and crawled over the battle area to rescue and remove all casualties to a place of safety. As darkness fell, despite the intense enemy fire, he assisted in the successful evacuation of the injured. The bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Bruggeman exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

JOHN B. deBRUN, 0414606, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 31 December 1944, and 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 31 December 1944, Capt deBrun, Battery Commander, demonstrated personal bravery by surveying the new craters for a shelling report in order that accurate data could be secured for counter battery fire to neutralize the enemy artillery. On 1 January 1945, under heavy enemy artillery fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, he again left his shelter to obtain data for shelling reports. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Capt deBrun exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Doyle R. Gustin, 6293761, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 29 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 29 November 1944, Cpl Gustin, serving as Scout with an Artillery Forward Observer Team, with utter disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy observation and tank fire by climbing and establishing himself in a tree to successfully direct artillery fire on enemy tanks, contributing greatly to the destruction of one enemy tank and the withdrawal of four others. Later, he again deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire to make a personal reconnaissance outside the company defense to direct fire on enemy troops, causing heavy casualties and forcing withdrawal of the remainder. The bravery, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Gustin are commensurate with the finest

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traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Vincent C. Lanasa, 33376518, Pfc, MD, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 and 3 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When a rifle company of the regiment in which Pfc Lanasa served was taking and holding a town on 2 October 1944, he personally led a litter squad in search of wounded. Passing through a barrage of artillery fire and infiltrating through enemy lines to reach the objective, Pfc Lanasa found it impossible to evacuate the wounded. With great initiative he set up an aid station, treating the injured. On 3 October 1944, again on his own initiative, Pfc Lanasa contacted an enemy aid station by subjecting himself to both friendly and enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to persuade ten of the enemy to surrender. His bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

Montgomery Long, 34307522, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 16 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 November 1944, Sgt Long was serving as an Artillery Forward Observer with an infantry company in an attack on the enemy. Although the company was temporarily impeded by intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Sgt Long, moved forward to an exposed position to secure observation and proper reception for his radio, thereby planning and controlling the artillery fire and enabling the company to advance. During this action, he was wounded in the legs by shell fragments, but with utter disregard of his condition, he continued in the assault until the objective was seized. The bravery, aggressiveness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Long exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Frank W. Mitchell, 38231890, Pvt, 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. On 4 December 1944, in an assault on the enemy, the platoon in which Pvt Mitchell served as a rifleman was temporarily delayed by intense fire from an enemy machine gun. With utter disregard for his own safety, Pvt Mitchell, in company with his platoon leader, advanced under the heavy fire across exposed terrain to attack the enemy position, both suffering severe wounds from the enemy fire. Despite his wounds, Pvt Mitchell carried his injured platoon leader to a small defilade to administer aid and care for him. The courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Mitchell are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

FOREST L. PENNY, 0887680, 2d Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 and 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, Lt Penny, serving as a platoon leader of a rifle company, was slightly wounded by enemy fire in an assault on a strongly fortified town. Applying first aid to himself, he assumed command of the company when the commanding officer became a casualty, organizing the defense of the portion of the town seized, and continuing in the advance. On the following day, despite

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enemy automatic and small arms fire, Lt Penny successfully journeyed over a hazardous route on two occasions to report to the Battalion S-2 and S-3 Officers the status of the company and assist in the evacuation of wounded personnel and fifty enemy prisoners. His bravery, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

James B. Richardson, Jr, 36983969, Pvt, 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, Pvt Richardson, serving as a member of a Rocket Launcher Team with an infantry rifle company having the mission to assault and seize a strongly fortified town, observed an enemy convoy of eight artillery pieces coming through the town. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his personal safety, accompanied by a comrade, he dashed across open terrain to station himself in a doorway of a building fronting the street being used by the enemy convoy. From this position Pvt Richardson fired at the first armored vehicle in the column as it passed, disabling it so effectively that the further advance of the column was impossible. His courage, initiative, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

OVID E. SCOTT, 0395444, Maj, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 4 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 January 1945, when the Battalion CP was being shelled by enemy 105mm howitzers, Maj Scott, in company with another officer, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded to survey the craters formed for a shelling report in order that accurate data could be secured for counter battery fire. 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 North Carolina.

Clifford H. Timberlake, 35778284, Pvt, 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, Pvt Timberlake, first gunner of a heavy machine gun squad, was advancing in support of a rifle platoon attacking enemy held ground. As the platoon neared the objective, Pvt Timberlake observed an enemy soldier, armed with a Rocket Launcher and hidden in a foxhole to the immediate front, preparing to hurl a hand grenade at the platoon and squad leaders who were leading the advance. Shouting to them of the imminent danger, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he assaulted the foxhole and beat the enemy soldier into submission with the machine gun tripod he was carrying. The courage, aggressiveness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Timberlake exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, POSTHUMOUSLY: 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, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

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Levi B. Bross, 33185081, Sgt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 2 September 1944, to 15 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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 personnel:

Cn Odum Brown, 6370124, Tec 4, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 19 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Georgia.

Dean E. Burris, 35408405, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, Tec 4 Burris, Radio Operator, demonstrated outstanding courage and tireless efforts in performing his duties under constant combat conditions. On one occasion, during intense enemy shelling in the vicinity of the Battalion CP, despite the fact that the vehicle in which he was working was hit by shell fragments, Tec 4 Burris continued operating his radio to maintain uninterrupted communications with the forward elements. The bravery, efficiency, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Burris exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

MATTHEW L. DWYER, JR, 01294994, Capt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Belgium during the period 6 August 1944, to 2 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

OLIVER B. HALL, 01170400, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Cn RICHARD C. HAMSHER, 01301821, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 14 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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IV. 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:

CHARLES W. HARRISON, 01167890, Capt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 8 August 1944, to 15 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

GEORGE W. HARWOOD, 0401937, Capt, MC, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France, Luxembourg, and Belgium during the period 6 August 1944, to 5 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 5 January 1945, Capt Harwood has devotedly served as an Infantry Battalion Surgeon through all engagements of his battalion in France, Luxembourg, and Belgium. Often operating well forward of the Battalion Aid Station, he had materially reduced the number of fatalities by administering medical attention under direct enemy small arms fire. He has personally supervised the evacuation of casualties on several occasions under heavy enemy artillery fire, to insure that the injured were cared for promptly. The courage, skill, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Capt Harwood are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

Leonard L. Kryll, 36252973, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, Tec 4 Kryll, Radio Operator, demonstrated outstanding courage and tireless efforts in performing his duties under constant combat conditions. On one occasion, during intense enemy shelling in the vicinity of the Battalion CP, despite the fact that the vehicle in which he was working was hit by shell fragments, Tec 4 Kryll continued operating his radio to maintain uninterrupted communications with the forward elements. The bravery, efficiency, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Kryll exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. MacMULLEN, 01172534, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Herbert R. Mahan, 35408621, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 8 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 8 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, Cpl Mahan distinguished himself in performing his duties as Wire Corporal in

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manner. He has not only exhibited a high degree of technical skill and proficiency, but through his untiring and ceaseless efforts as a leader and example contributed greatly to the installation and maintenance of wire communications despite the hazards of enemy fire during constant combat conditions. The courage, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Mahan are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Ronald E. Morris, 35358783, Cpl, FA, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 30 November 1944, Cpl Morris has distinguished himself in performing his duties as Field Wire Chief in a superior manner. His personal courage and constant service have contributed substantially to the efficient operation of the wire communications of the battalion he served. On several occasions, without regard for personal safety, he has exposed himself to enemy fire in installing and repairing wire communications. The bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Cpl Morris are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

Willis A. Ogburn, 33213217, Pfc, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 1 - 5 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 1 - 5 November 1944, the platoon with which Pfc Ogburn served as a radio operator, was engaged in a liaison mission with a supporting unit, heavily engaged with the enemy. In complying with the mission of obtaining the progress made Pfc Ogburn was dispatched to this unit where he voluntarily operated his radio set during several enemy artillery barrages which landed dangerously close to his position. He continued to relay valuable information which was instrumental in maintaining lines between the two units. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Ogburn are commensurate with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

*proposed* V. So much of Section V, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 8 January 1945, pertaining to the Award of the Purple Heart, as reads, "Pfc Merton W. Capes 37593947 Inf 5 Jan 45" is rescinded.

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