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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:

Frank DeFlippis, 32683050, Cpl, Co A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. After moving into position to oppose an enemy tank attack near Dahl, Luxembourg, on 8 January 1945, the tank destroyer in which Cpl DeFlippis served as a cannoneer destroyed three enemy tanks, but was disabled by a direct hit and the crew forced to abandon it. Observing an enemy tank withdrawing, Cpl DeFlippis and a companion, utterly disregarding their own personal safety, ran to the disabled destroyer and manned the gun despite the heavy fire directed at them. Firing on the enemy tank they scored a direct hit, igniting and destroying it. The courage, initiative, and aggressive devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Raymond J. VanTrieste, 33320671, S Sgt (then Sgt), Co C, 305th Engineer Battalion, 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. S Sgt VanTrieste, commanding a platoon of combat engineers, was on a liaison mission near Oberfeulen, Luxembourg, on 24 December 1944, when he was caught in an extremely heavy enemy artillery and rocket barrage and was rendered unconscious by a dangerously close burst. Regaining consciousness, although having internal injuries, he reported back to the Battalion Command Post. Hiding his extreme pain when he was immediately assigned to clear a mine field on the front lines prior to an infantry attack, he completed his mission under heavy enemy shelling and raking machine gun fire, after which he again reported to the command post, where, utterly exhausted and in extreme pain, he collapsed and was evacuated. His courageous leadership and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AMARD 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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Charles R. Kelly, 36982788, Pfc, Co M, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 16 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 16 January 1945, Pfc Kelly, a mortar gunner, observed that two of his comrades had been wounded by sniper fire and were calling for aid from the exposed position where they had fallen. Pfc Kelly, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crossed the open terrain through intense enemy fire to the two men. Finding one had died from his wounds, Pfc Kelly was rendering aid to the other when he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. Pfc Kelly's courage, initiative, and supreme devotion to his fellow soldiers and to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Joseph R. Atkinson, 13097477, S Sgt, Co D, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 7 August 1944, to 22 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

PAUL E. CARLINER, 0529579, Capt, MC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

ROBERT W. COX, 01304503, 1st Lt, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 8 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

GEORGE W. DANA, 0470206, Capt, MC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, 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:

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Andrew J. Green, Jr, 33354504, Tec 4, Co D, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 7 August 1944, to 20 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

George E. Haine, 32113064, S Sgt, Co D, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

HENRY M. LANE, 0476374, Capt, DC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 7 August 1944, to 20 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CARL W. PAPE, 01320251, 1st Lt, 318th Infantry, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 8 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

MORRIS PASTERNACK, 0381662, Maj (then Capt), MC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, and Germany during the period 7 August 1944, to 6 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Woodrow L. Sampson, 35359188, S Sgt, Co C, 319th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Germany on 7 February 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Cp 7 February 1945, S Sgt Sampson was painfully wounded about the face Juring the assault across the Our River into the Siegfried Line. Recrossing the river he had his wounds dressed and after refusing evacuation tried to return to his unit. On being refused passage across he remained under enemy fire to help carry supplies down the steep bank to the boats. Though disappointed in his ardent desire to rejoin his unit, he applied himself in helping to assure them of necessary supplies. The courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Sampson are commensurate with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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JAMES R. SMITH, 01185598, 1st Lt, 317th Infantry, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Luxembourg during the period 5 January 1945, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 5 January 1945, to 15 January 1945, near Ringel, Luxembourg, Lt Smith, an observer for a mortar platoon, set up and operated an observation post in an isolated house subjected to enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire. Despite the intensity of enemy fire on this position, Lt Smith stayed at his post for eleven days relaying vital information to his mortar sections. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lt Smith are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

Ernest J. Spears, 35537449, Pvt, Co A, 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 24 and 28 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 24 December 1944, near Heiderscheid, Luxembourg, Pvt Spears, serving as cannoneer, aided in the destruction of two enemy tanks which were knocked out by his tank destroyer. On 28 December 1944, near Ringel, Luxembourg, while moving into position to fire on attacking German infantry, Pvt Spears' tank destroyer was hit by direct fire and the crew forced to evacuate. Although wounded, Pvt Spears rolused to be evacuated to the aid station and, with the rest of the crew, remanned the destroyer and through his accurate fire forced the enemy to withdraw. His courage, aggressiveness, and unselfish devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

CHARLES C. STEWART, 01542071, 1st Lt, MAC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

William E. Tucker, 34127674, Tec 5, Hq Det, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

ROLF WAGSCHAL, 0501800, Capt, MC, 305th Medical Battalion, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Luxembourg, Germany, and Austria during the period 7 August 1944, to 8 May 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered mulitary service from Colorado.

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