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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:

LLOYD C. BLOOMER, 01178074, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 31 December 1944, Lt Bloomer as Executive Officer for a firing battery of Field Artillery performed his duties in an outstanding manner. Soon after entering combat the battery was strafed by enemy planes. Lt Bloomer calmly ordered all men to positions of safety and then directed the fire of the machine gunners to rout the enemy. On another occasion Lt Bloomer left the security of his position despite heavy enemy artillery fire to administer first aid to two seriously injured soldiers, and later, despite the continued shelling, he proceeded to obtain the necessary data for a shell report. The bravery, leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Bloomer exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

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William F. Nally, 35315660, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 2 and 14 September 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 2 September 1944, the battalion in which S Sgt Nally served was ambushed by the enemy. S Sgt Nally and two companions, under direct observation and fire from enemy tanks, unloaded mortars and ammunition from the weapons carrier and then placed the mortars in action. When the rifle companies sustained officer casualties, S Sgt Nally immediately assumed command and organized a defense so that the mortars could bring effective fire on the enemy. This aggressive action was responsible for forcing the enemy to withdraw. On 14 September 1944, during an engagement with the enemy S Sgt Nally was wounded. Despite his painful injuries he continued under heavy enemy fire to reach a wounded officer and successfully evacuate him. The bravery, aggressive leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Nally exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

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JOHN W. PRESTRIDGE, 01017681, 2d Lt, Inf (Armd), Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg during the period 22 - 25 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, in a night attack against the enemy the

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tank commanded by Lt Prestridge, in conjunction with another tank, accounted for one enemy tank, and the next morning advanced to destroy two additional tanks. In a subsequent engagement with the enemy, the tank serving as support to Lt Prestridge became disabled. Despite this loss he continued to fire effectively and held his position. On 25 December 1944, sighting an enemy convoy of vehicles, Lt Prestridge moved his tank to a firing position and successfully destroyed one tank, two armored cars, and considerable infantry personnel, completely disorganizing the remainder of the column. The gallant courage, aggressive leadership, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Lt Prestridge exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Nicholas Van Malden, 32628053, Pfc, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in France on 8 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. When his infantry company was temporarily stopped by intense machine gun fire from an enemy pillbox, Pfc Van Malden, accompanied by another rifleman, voluntarily advanced in the face of enemy fire to within thirty yards of the German position and charged the position with hand grenades. He then fired two clips of carbine ammunition into the entrance of the pillbox and forced the surrender of one German officer and three enlisted men, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance and capture the nearby town. The courage, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Van Malden exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR (MISSING IN ACTION): 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 (Missing in Action):

Fred Dawson, 32069757, 1st Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 28 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 28 November 1944, an infantry company, after capturing a town, was attacked by strong enemy forces. In the ensuing battle, 1st Sgt Dawson assumed command, reorganizing the platoons and set up a successful defense line. After being relieved by an officer, 1st Sgt Dawson voluntarily made a reconnaissance under intense enemy fire, penetrated deep into hostile territory, and brought back valuable information. The outstanding leadership, dauntless courage, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by 1st Sgt Dawson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Delaware.

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:

Edward W. Allison, 33282576, Pfc, CMP Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, Pfc Allison has conducted himself with great heroism while performing his duties as a member

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of a Division Military Police Platoon. While engaged in controlling traffic at a vital bridge to gain the proper position for routing vehicles he continually exposed himself to shell and small arms fire. On another occasion while directing traffic over an important bridge, he engaged in making repairs to the bridge and its approaches, doing so without thought of personal safety from enemy automatic weapons. Pfc Allison's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Mario P. Donato, 33321321, S Sgt, Inf Army of the United States. For heroic service in France during the period 6 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Under constant combat conditions during the period 6 August 1944, to 26 November 1944, S Sgt Donato, supply sergeant, distinguished himself in performing all duties assigned him in a superior manner successfully procuring and delivering the requirements of the company he served at all times. On many occasions he brought food and ammunition to his comrades with utter disregard of intense enemy artillery fire. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt Donato are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Gilles, 35313332, Pfc, CMP Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, Pfc Gilles has conducted himself with great heroism while performing his duties as a member of a Division Military Police Platoon. While engaged in controlling traffic at a vital bridge to gain the proper position for routing vehicles he continually exposed himself to shell and small arms fire. On another occasion while directing traffic over an important bridge, he engaged in making repairs to the bridge and its approaches, doing so with ut thought of personal safety from enemy automatic weapons. Pfc Gilles' courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Howard J. Hobbs, 33343222, Tec 4, Inf Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 8 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 8 January 1945, Tec 4 Hobbs distinguished himself as a Regimental Radio Operator in an outstanding manner. During the crossing of the Moselle River Tec 4 Hobbs operated his radio despite heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire. On another occasion he remained at his post for thirty six hours, under heavy shelling, transmitting every message with perfect accuracy. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Tec 4 Hobbs are commensurate with the finest ideals of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Edward F. Kammrath, 36612199, Cpl, Cav Army of the United States. For heroic service in France on 14 October 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While serving as a scout section leader with his reconnaissance troop engaged in an important liaison

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mission between infantry elements on 14 October 1944, Cpl Kammrath distinguished himself heroically in the maintenance of radio communications. On several occasions, Cpl Kammrath left the safety of a covered position to relay extremely vital information, despite the constant hazards of enemy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire. The unselfish devotion to duty, bravery, and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Cpl Kammrath are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Edward J. Klaus, 32894835, Pfc MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in Belgium during the period 25 - 27 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Pfc Klaus was serving as a medical quarter ton driver in an assault against enemy fortified positions on 25 December 1944, when his section sergeant became a casualty. Assuming responsibility for the evacuation of the wounded, Pfc Klaus worked tirelessly for the next two days in establishing routes of evacuation, in locating injured comrades, and in leading litter squads and evacuation vehicles to the wounded. Despite intense enemy artillery and sniper fire he successfully continued his heroic service until he became a casualty. The bravery, resourcefulness, and loyal devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Klaus exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

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James W. Ramsley, 33278360, Pfc OMP, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, Pfc Ramsley has conducted himself with great heroism while performing his duties as a member of a Division Military Police Platoon. While engaged in controlling traffic at a vital bridge to gain the proper position for routing vehicles he continually exposed himself to shell and small arms fire. On another occasion while directing traffic over an important bridge, he engaged in making repairs to the bridge and its approaches, doing so without thought of personal safety from enemy automatic weapons. Pfc Ramsley's courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces 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 600-12, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named personnel:

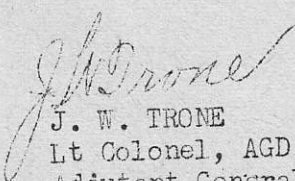
Frank M. Sears, 35386826, Sgt, CMP, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 6 August 1944, to 7 January 1945, Sgt Sears has conducted himself with great heroism while performing his duties as a member of a Division Military Police Platoon. While engaged in controlling traffic at a vital bridge to gain the proper position for routing vehicles he continually exposed himself to shell and small arms fire. On another occasion while directing traffic over an important bridge, he engaged in making repairs to the bridge and its approaches, doing so without thought of personal safety from enemy automatic weapons. Sgt Sears' courage, initiative, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Vincent C. Tomlinson, 6973004, Tec 5, WD, United States Army. For heroic service in Luxembourg on 23 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 23 December 1944, Tec 5 Tomlinson, serving as an aid man of an assaulting infantry company, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced under intense artillery fire to administer first aid to the company commander who had become a casualty after which he successfully moved the officer to a place of safety. Returning to the company area, Tec 5 Tomlinson proceeded to treat and care for wounded comrades in spite of heavy artillery barrages. His courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

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