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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:

NORMAN C. MARSH, 01044888, 2d Lt, 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, Lt Marsh was serving as a mortar platoon observer in an infantry assault upon the enemy. The attack was temporarily delayed by heavy enemy artillery and automatic fire from woods to the front. With utter disregard for his own safety Lt Marsh, accompanied by his radio operator, advanced despite an artillery concentration, sustained machine gun and small arms fire, to a small barren knoll in exposed terrain to gain observation. When his companion was wounded, he transferred the radio to his own back and continued to successfully reach the position from where he directed accurate mortar fire upon the enemy positions, which resulted in the attack progressing to a victorious conclusion. The personal bravery, determination, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Lt Marsh are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Anthony D. Vallera, 33367805, Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action in Luxembourg on 22 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 December 1944, Sgt Vallera was leading his machine gun section in an infantry assault when an enemy force of some forty soldiers armed with automatic weapons, grenade launchers, and mortars infiltrated through the left flank of the company, isolating Sgt Vallera and his section from the advancing company. Although outnumbered, he immediately organized a skirmish line and directed his men to remain in their positions for further orders. He then crawled approximately one hundred yards to the enemy positions and hand signalled his comrades to join him. Sgt Vallera next called to the enemy commander, demanding surrender. His bold move threw the enemy ranks into a state of confusion, whereupon Sgt Vallera led his squad in an assault which completely demoralized and routed the enemy, leaving many killed and wounded behind. The bravery, leadership, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Vallera exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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II. 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:

GEORGE H. BALL, 0449576, Capt, Ch Corps, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

Victor H. Barki, 36816390, Tec 4, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. During the period 7 August 1944, to 15 January 1945, Tec 4 Barki distinguished himself in performing his duties in a superior manner. As a Surgical Technician assigned to a collecting company, he has worked tirelessly caring for the sick and wounded. His personal courage in the face of danger was demonstrated on 30 November 1944, when enemy mortar fire struck the building in which the collecting station was located and severely wounded two soldiers. Acting promptly and without regard for his own safety or the continued enemy fire, Tec 4 Barki moved the injured men to the aid station for needed treatment. His initiative, resourcefulness, and constant devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

James F. Conroy, 37450084, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 6 August 1944, to 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Robert G. Davis, 35609539, Pvt, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Pvt Davis, company aid man, accompanied members of an engineer platoon in reconnoitering a destroyed bridge located approximately one half mile in front of friendly troops. While making this survey, another bridge about four hundred yards away was observed by the platoon commander who dispatched a four man patrol to investigate and determine whether it were mined or booby trapped. As the patrol neared the structure it was fired upon by the enemy from concealed positions, injuring one member who lay prostrate on the ground. The remaining members rejoined the platoon and it was then that they learned of the casualty. With utter disregard for his own safety, Pvt Davis, accompanied by two enlisted men, proceeded to reach their wounded comrade despite enemy artillery and small arms fire, and successfully carried him to a place of safety. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pvt Davis are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Albert D. Dianiska, 35312987, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert L. English, 13083618, S Sgt, Inf, Army of the United States. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Virgil S. Harper, 35408506, Tec 4, Cav, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 1 September 1944, to 1 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

Robert B. Locklear, 34811841, Pfc, Cav, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 22 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 22 November 1944, Pfc Locklear volunteered, with several companions, to scout an enemy pillbox. Making their way across open terrain they observed an enemy patrol in strength, armed with mortars and rocket launchers, moving in their direction. Although greatly outnumbered, Pfc Locklear and his comrades immediately went into position and waited until the enemy patrol was within twenty five yards before engaging them. Despite the odds against them, Pfc Locklear and his fellow soldiers succeeded in wounding, killing, or capturing the entire patrol. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Locklear exemplify the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

Chester B. Long, 33220906, Tec 4, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from Virginia.

Lloyd Lucky, 35343047, Pfc, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Pfc Lucky accompanied members of an engineer platoon in reconnoitering a destroyed bridge located approximately one half mile in front of friendly troops. While making this survey, another bridge about four hundred yards away was observed by the platoon commander who dispatched a four man patrol to investigate and determine whether it were mined or booby trapped. As the patrol neared the structure it was fired upon by the enemy from concealed positions, injuring one member who lay prostrate on the ground. The remaining members rejoined the platoon and it was then that they learned of the casualty. With utter disregard for his own safety, Pfc Lucky, accompanied by two enlisted men, proceeded to reach their wounded comrade despite enemy artillery and small arms fire and successfully carried him to a place of safety. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Pfc Lucky are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mississippi.

MAURICE L. McNEAL, 01015329, 2d Lt, Inf (Arm'd), Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 8 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 8 November 1944, Lt McNeal, performing duties as maintenance officer for a Tank Battalion Company, volunteered in an emergency to direct a supply train carrying vital supplies necessary for the continuation of an attack upon the enemy. During this operation Lt McNeal was injured when the supply train was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Despite his wounds he proceeded to successfully complete his mission before consenting to evacuation. The bravery, leadership, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Lt McNeal

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

ERNEST E. MILLER, 0541342, 2d Lt, CE, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 11 September 1944, to 18 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Harold L. Olbrant, 6560373, 1st Sgt, Inf, United States Army. For meritorious service in France, Belgium, and Luxembourg during the period 15 September 1944, to 19 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

William G. Sanders, 33343091, Cpl, MD, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France during the period 7 August 1944, to 16 December 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

NASH SANTIAGO, 01058859, 1st Lt, Inf, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in Luxembourg on 4 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 4 January 1945, Lt Santiago, a platoon leader of a rifle company, had the mission of leading a reconnaissance patrol into enemy territory. While proceeding with his patrol he observed three enemy soldiers who were apparently sentries. Knowing that another patrol had been sent out to secure prisoners for interrogation purposes, he endeavored to capture them. In the ensuing exchange of fire, two of the enemy were mortally wounded and the third taken prisoner. This action alerted the enemy and enabled Lt Santiago to plot their positions. The valuable information obtained was used extensively in the formulation of future plans of the battalion he served. His courage, leadership, and constant devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

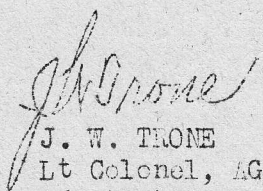
ELDRED M. SWINGEN, 01165457, 1st Lt, FA, Army of the United States. For meritorious service in France and Luxembourg during the period 22 October 1944, to 15 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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III. The following unit of the Division is cited for outstanding performance of duty in overcoming hazardous and difficult conditions against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg:

COMPANY B, 319TH INFANTRY: Company B, 319th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 6, 7, and 8 January 1945.

On 6 January 1945, in the attack north of the Sure River, Company B, 319th Infantry, had swiftly attained its objective in the overall regimental plan. Having left the line of departure below Goesdorf, Luxembourg, the company advanced to attack and clear the western and northern sectors of the town. At 1600 hours the company commander was ordered to organize and march to Dahl, two (2) miles farther north, which was already under attack. Due to severe enemy interdiction of the road the company was forced to make its way over the rolling and wooded terrain, arriving at dusk. Immediate orders caused the company commander to relieve a third battalion unit already in established defenses in the north and northeast sectors.

On 7 January 1945, the enemy launched a number of probing attacks, but, after fierce encounters, withdrew. At 0500, 8 January 1945, the enemy delivered a terrific preparatory barrage which lasted for forty five (45) minutes. Under this cover an estimated battalion of infantry supported by tanks and other armor advanced to assault the positions of Company B. A withering crossfire from the tanks was created to assist in the enemy advance. Despite the apparent overwhelming opposition, and with fixed resolve, every man in the defense remained in position delivering a violent fire upon the attacking elements. On the right flank an estimated hostile company forced the outpost, by sheer numbers, to withdraw to a house which had become a strong point in the defense. Despite the constant reinforcement of enemy the men in the house were staunch in their unyielding determination to retain their position. They fought from room to room and the assault suffered a heavy attrition to no avail. In the center, because of the rolling terrain, the enemy approached to within one hundred and fifty (150) yards of the defense and were retained. On the left flank the superior numbers of the attackers proved effective for only in that sector was there any perilous threat to the defenses. Except for the squad leader all the defenders were hit, but the enemy force also lost the initiative due to casualties in the severe fire fight. Almost simultaneously both sides rushed reserves to that questionable sector. Company B committed its reserve platoon, and as hostile forces were repeatedly pushed into that possible weakpoint, the situation again became critical. The company headquarters section and all available men were rushed to the threatened flank, and, through a fierce and determined fight, succeeded in driving the enemy from its hard won positions. Because of the determined defense by the hard pressed men of Company B, and the heavy attrition that the

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losing attack cost, the enemy attempted a withdrawal under smoke cover. The prevailing winds dispersed the smoke screen and the firm resolve of every effective man in Company B installed panic into the enemy causing a disorderly rout. A murderous and concentrated barrage of artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire pursued the retreating ranks.

The ferocious and tenacious resourcefulness, the unyielding defense and obdurate courage of every man in Company B, 319th Infantry, caused extremely heavy enemy casualties. The efficient tenacity of purpose, progressive resourcefulness, and conclusive score in this engagement are deserving of emulation.

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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:

✓ Riley J. Taylor, 6708675, 1st Sgt, Inf, United States Army. For meritorious 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. Entered military service from New York. 1st Sgt

George J. Trautwein, 33203962, Tec 5, MD, Army of the United States. For heroic service in France and Luxembourg during the period 7 August 1944, to 14 January 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. From 7 August 1944, to 14 January 1945, Tec 5 Trautwein, ambulance driver, consistently performed outstanding service in the efficient evacuation of casualties. On one occasion, with utter disregard for his own safety, he repeatedly drove his vehicle across a bridge which was subjected to intense and continuous enemy artillery fire to successfully evacuate casualties from an infantry battalion aid station to the collecting station. The courage, initiative, and zealous devotion to duty displayed by Tec 5 Trautwein are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland. ELUCKY 60435/4 FEB NOV

Edward F. Tricker, 35342914, Sgt, CE, Army of the United States. For heroic achievement in France on 25 November 1944, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. On 25 November 1944, Sgt Tricker accompanied members of an engineer platoon in reconnoitering a destroyed bridge located approximately one half mile in front of friendly troops. While making this survey, another bridge about four hundred yards away was observed by the platoon commander who dispatched a four man patrol to investigate and determine whether it was mined or booby trapped. As the patrol neared the structure it was fired upon by the enemy from concealed positions, injuring one member who lay prostrate on the ground. The remaining members rejoined the platoon and it was then that they learned of the casualty. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt Tricker, accompanied by two enlisted men, proceeded to reach their wounded comrade despite enemy artillery and small arms fire, and successfully carried him to a place of safety. The courage, resourcefulness, and sincere devotion to duty displayed by Sgt Tricker are in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

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