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HEADQUARTERS 80TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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SECTION

I - Award of Silver Star.

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:

GEORGE W. SMYTHE, O15816, Col, Inf, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While the assault against the city of Kassel, Germany, on 4 April 1945, was in progress, Col Smythe boldly and without regard for his own safety, advanced in the face of enemy fire beyond the most forward elements of the attacking troops. After securing a cessation of hostilities, he contacted the Commanding General of the garrison defending the city and procured its surrender together with the Commanding General and five hundred officers and men. This outstandingly brave and resourceful act by Col Smythe not only accomplished the immediate capture of vital military objectives, but also saved the lives of many American soldiers which would have been lost in a continuation of the attack. The bravery, determined unselfish devotion to duty, and resourcefulness of Col Smythe exemplify the very highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

AUGUSTUS G. ELEGAR, O18625, Lt Col, GSC (Inf), United States Army. For gallantry in action in Germany on 4 April 1945, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. While the assault against the city of Kassel, Germany, on 4 April 1945, was in progress Lt Col Elegar boldly and without regard for his own safety advanced in the face of enemy fire beyond the most forward elements of the attacking troops. Here he aided the Assistant Division Commander in contacting the Commanding General of the garrison defending the city and in successfully procuring the surrender of the city together with the Commanding General and five hundred officers and men. The skillful assistance bravely rendered by Lt Col Elegar contributed immeasurably in accomplishing the immediate capture of vital military objectives and thereby saved the lives of many American soldiers which would have been lost in a continuation of the attack. The bravery, unselfish devotion to duty, and resourcefulness of Lt Col Elegar exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States. Entered United States Military Academy from Oklahoma.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE:

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