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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Major General WILLARD S. PAUL, O5616, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action. It was necessary for the 26th Infantry Division to effect a river crossing over the * * * River at * * * , France, on 8 November 1944 during the general offensive of the Third United States Army in Lorraine, France. The attack of the division was launched shortly before daylight and by dawn the 101st Infantry Regiment, attacking on the right of the division, had over-run the local defenses of the town of * * * , capturing the large bridge intact. Information was received that the advance of the 101st Infantry was slowed down due to the fact that the bridge was commanded by direct fire from enemy 88mm guns. Major General PAUL immediately proceeded to the bridge site, using a road which was under enemy observed fire. Upon finding that the bridge was intact, but was under German observation from the hills across the river from which direct fire was being placed upon the personnel exposing themselves at the bridge, General PAUL inspired his troops to infiltrate across the bridge without undue casualties. Having accomplished this he then returned across the open area, the vehicle in which he was riding being the target for at least six well-aimed shots from high-velocity weapons. With the information obtained by General PAUL as to the locations of the hostile artillery the Division Artillery was enabled to silence these enemy weapons effectively. The presence of General PAUL at this most critical and dangerous undertaking resulted in the successful river crossing along the entire front of his division which was reflected in the capture of over 500 prisoners and an advance of over two miles into the hostile position. Major General PAUL's inspiring leadership, disregard for personal safety, and loyal devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

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II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Colonel F. RUSSEL LYONS, 07647, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 23 January 1945.

Major ARTHUR H. BAIDEN, JR., 0305404, Corps of Engineers, * * * Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, 1 September 1944 to 19 December 1944.

Captain CLAYTON A. ZINKOWSKI, 01543391, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters, * * * Medical Battalion, United States Army, 5 December 1944 to 24 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant ANTHONY DeCAMILLO, 31042669, Field Artillery, Headquarters, * * * Field Artillery Group, United States Army, 9 September 1944 to 31 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade HARVEY T. GRAY, 32599590, Medical Department, Headquarters Detachment, * * * Medical Battalion, United States Army, 5 December 1944 to 24 January 1945.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

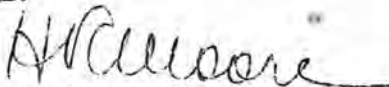
By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Captain HARRY T. AKERS, 0390305, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters * * * Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion (Mobile), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the period 30 December 1944 to 15 January 1945.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

J. H. PHILLIPS,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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