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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:

First Lieutenant ELMER L. O'DELL, 01167565, Field Artillery, 183rd Field Artillery Group, United States Army. For gallantry in action. Near * * *, Belgium, on 5 January 1945, Lieutenant O'DELL, acting S-2, realizing the seriousness of the situation when enemy artillery shells landed in close proximity to the group command post, ordered a vehicle at once, and of his own volition proceeded to the scene of the shelling. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he voluntarily entered the shelled area to secure data for a shelling report so that prompt counter-battery fire might be brought against the enemy. Despite intermittent enemy artillery fire he continued examining shell fragments, measuring craters and obtaining other vital information for the report. His actions were so prompt and his report so accurate that within fifteen minutes sound adjustments were being completed on the enemy battery doing the shelling. Lieutenant O'DELL's superb gallantry and unusual initiative exemplify his great personal qualities and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Sergeant JAMES S. LIGHT, 35770644, Coast Artillery Corps, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For gallantry in action. At * * *, Belgium, on 29-30 December 1944, Sergeant LIGHT, as section chief, was a member of the 1st platoon of Battery B furnishing anti-aircraft protection to a field artillery battery. In addition to enemy artillery shelling, the position was subjected to five attacks during the night by flights of 8 to 12 enemy planes. During one of the attacks he saw a delayed action anti-personnel bomb roll under the mount. Of his own volition he attempted to move the vehicle, but before he could enter the cab the bomb exploded. Despite the strafing and bombing by enemy aircraft and the enemy artillery shelling directed at the area, Sergeant LIGHT continued to direct intense and accurate fire on the aircraft. As a result of his actions, four of the attacking planes were brought down and the attack upon the field artillery battery diverted. He and the members of his section repeatedly displayed audacious determination and steadfast devotion to duty by remaining at their guns in spite of the superiority of the attacking enemy force. Sergeant LIGHT, by his indomitable courage, reflected great credit upon himself and exemplified the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

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Corporal FRED H. DRISKILL, 38426801, Coast Artillery Corps, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For gallantry in action. At * * *, Belgium, on 29-30 December 1944, Corporal DRISKILL, squad leader, was a member of a section of the 1st platoon of Battery B furnishing antiaircraft protection to a field artillery battery. In addition to enemy artillery shelling, the position was subjected to five attacks during the night by flights of 8 to 12 enemy planes. Despite the strafing and bombing by enemy aircraft, the enemy artillery shelling directed at the area and an anti-personal bomb that exploded beneath his mount, Corporal DRISKILL remained at his guns and continued to assist and deliver intense and accurate fire on the enemy aircraft. As a result of his actions four of the attacking planes were brought down, and the attack upon the field artillery battery diverted. He and the members of his section repeatedly displayed audacious determination and steadfast devotion to duty by remaining at their guns in spite of the superiority of the attacking enemy force. Corporal DRISKILL, by his indomitable courage, reflected great credit upon himself and exemplified the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade ALFREDO L. MARTINEZ, JR., 38349926, Coast Artillery Corps, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For gallantry in action. At * * *, Belgium, on 29-30 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade MARTINEZ, as gunner, was a member of a section of the 1st platoon of Battery B furnishing antiaircraft protection to a field artillery battery. In addition to enemy artillery shelling, the position was subjected to five attacks during the night by flights of 8 to 12 enemy planes. Despite the strafing and bombing by enemy aircraft, the enemy artillery shelling directed at the area and an anti-personnel bomb that exploded beneath his mount, Technician Fifth Grade MARTINEZ remained at his guns and continued to assist and deliver intense and accurate fire on the enemy aircraft. As a result of his actions four of the attacking planes were brought down and the attack upon the field artillery battery diverted. He and the members of his section repeatedly displayed audacious determination and steadfast devotion to duty by remaining at their guns in spite of the superiority of the attacking enemy force. Technician Fifth Grade MARTINEZ, by his indomitable courage, reflected great credit upon himself and exemplified the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Private First Class ALFONSO C. MARTINEZ, 38349551, Coast Artillery Corps, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For gallantry in action. At * * *, Belgium, on 29-30 December 1944, Private First Class MARTINEZ, a gunner, was a member of a section of the 1st platoon of Battery B furnishing antiaircraft protection to a field artillery battery. In addition to enemy artillery shelling, the position was subjected to five attacks during the night by flights of 8 to 12 enemy planes. Despite the strafing and bombing by enemy aircraft, the enemy artillery shelling directed at the area and an anti-personnel bomb that exploded beneath his mount, Private First Class MARTINEZ remained at his guns and continued to assist and deliver intense and accurate fire on the enemy aircraft. As a result of his actions four of the attacking planes were brought down, and the attack upon the field artillery battery diverted. He and the members of his section repeatedly displayed audacious determination and steadfast devotion to duty by remaining at their guns in spite of the superiority of the attacking enemy

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Private First Class JOSEPH R. NUNN, 38306525, Coast Artillery Corps, 468th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled), United States Army. For gallantry in action. At * * *, Belgium, on 29-30 December 1944, Private First Class NUNN, a gunner, was a member of a section of the 1st platoon of Battery B furnishing antiaircraft protection to a field artillery battery. In addition to enemy artillery shelling, the position was subjected to five attacks during the night by flights of 8 to 12 enemy planes. Despite the strafing and bombing by enemy aircraft, the enemy artillery shelling directed at the area and an anti-personnel bomb that exploded beneath his mount, Private First Class NUNN remained at his guns and continued to assist and deliver intense and accurate fire on the enemy aircraft. As a result of his actions four of the attacking planes were brought down and the attack upon the field artillery battery diverted. He and the members of his section, repeatedly displayed audacious determination and steadfast devotion to duty by remaining at their guns in spite of the superiority of the attacking enemy force. Private First Class NUNN, by his indomitable courage, reflected great credit upon himself and exemplified the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

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 during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Colonel VONNA F. BURGER, 015667, Field Artillery, Headquarters III Corps Artillery, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 25 January 1945.

Colonel EUGENE M. LINK, 012690, Signal Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 18 January 1945.

Colonel GEORGE W. VAUGHN, 015747, Ordnance Department, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 28 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Colonel THOMAS M. WATLINGTON, 016780, Field Artillery, Headquarters III Corps Artillery, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 25 January 1945.

Major IVAN WHITE, JR., 0314865, Corps of Engineers, 1137th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army, 21 August 1944 to 20 December 1944.

Sergeant HARRY W. PATE, 38034111, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army, 15 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

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Sergeant JOSEPH K. RAYMOND, 37290801, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army, 10 July 1943 to 17 January 1945.

Corporal NEIL R. PRENEVOST, 37572161, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army, 14 March 1944 to 6 June 1944 and 15 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Private First Class DOYLE T. McBEE, 37625376, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 20 September 1944 to 21 January 1945.

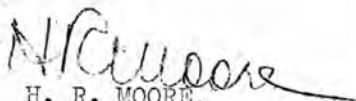
Private First Class HAROLD J. TORRO, 36198433, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army, 10 July 1943 to 17 January 1945.

Private MICHAEL BUDZINSKI, 32331260, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army, 15 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

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