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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 EMIL LARSEN, O393384, Cavalry, Headquarters 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, Major LARSEN voluntarily led an advance platoon in an attack on enemy positions in Luxembourg. He personally killed five members of an enemy machine gun crew while being subjected to enemy fire. Major LARSEN's gallantry, personal courage and brilliant leadership were inspirational to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

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

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD S. BACON, JR., 32753983, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 293rd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 29 December 1944. During an attack on * * *, Belgium, Technician Fifth Grade BACON, when a member of his squad was wounded, fearlessly, and with no concern for his own safety, exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to aid and comfort his wounded companion. While performing this heroic act he was fatally wounded. Technician Fifth Grade BACON's loyalty and devotion to his companion and his duty reflect great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

III - 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 is awarded to:

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First Lieutenant BERNARD J. NEVERLA, 01174397, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense and unceasing enemy artillery fire, First Lieutenant NEVERLA refused to take cover, heroically attended the wounded members of his section and diligently continued to direct fire against an enemy counter-attack. His cool action in the face of great personal danger was an inspiration to his men and was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. First Lieutenant NEVERLA's solicitude and bravery under fire are attributes of a superior soldier and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. CORNELL, 20245906, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 30 November 1944. Sergeant CORNELL, as Battery Reconnaissance Sergeant, coolly and efficiently assisted in manning an artillery observation post forward of friendly front lines and successfully directed artillery fire on the enemy. When radio communications failed, thereby making the position untenable, he refused to abandon the radio set. He assisted another soldier in carrying the valuable equipment across five hundred yards of open ground under heavy enemy mortar fire. Sergeant CORNELL's brave expression of loyal devotion to duty reflects much credit upon him as a soldier and exemplifies the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant JOE DAVIS, 7004579, Cavalry, Troop B, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 27 December 1944. Sergeant DAVIS, as reconnaissance section leader, conducted a forward reconnaissance in the vicinity of * * *, Belgium. Upon reaching the base of a hill near their destination, the advancing reconnaissance vehicles were observed and fired on by the enemy from dug in positions on the crest. Promptly taking command of the situation, Sergeant DAVIS ordered his section to assume defiladed positions and fire on the enemy. Because of continued intermittent enemy automatic fire Sergeant DAVIS organized a dismounted patrol to observe the enemy positions more closely. Under his personal leadership the patrol successfully uncovered the positions of the enemy weapons and thereby contributed to the unharassed advance of the platoon in the subsequent attack. Sergeant DAVIS' courageous leadership was an inspiration to his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant EARL W. HILLBORN, 20245859, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense and unceasing enemy artillery fire, Sergeant HILLBORN heroically attended the wounded members of his section. His cool action in the face of great personal danger was an inspiration to his comrades and was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. Sergeant HILLBORN's solicitude and bravery under fire are attributes of a superior soldier and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

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Sergeant ROBERT J. MCGARVEY, 32146013, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense and unceasing enemy artillery fire, Sergeant MCGARVEY heroically attended the wounded members of his section. His cool action in the face of great personal danger was an inspiration to his comrades and was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. Sergeant MCGARVEY's solicitude and bravery under fire are attributes of a superior soldier and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS A. BLACK, 20245896, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense and unceasing enemy artillery fire, Technician Fourth Grade BLACK heroically attended the wounded members of his section. His cool action in the face of great personal danger was an inspiration to his comrades and was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. Technician Fourth Grade BLACK's solicitude and bravery under fire are attributes of a superior soldier and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade MYRON A. TEGTMAN, 36749363, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 November 1944. With enemy shells bursting in close proximity, Technician Fourth Grade TEGTMAN unhesitatingly assisted in the repair of an immobilized ammunition vehicle. Realizing the serious need for the ammunition in the day's important attack, he and his comrades worked faithfully and diligently without regard to the personal danger involved. Technician Fourth Grade TEGTMAN, by his courage and devotion to duty, reflected credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM G. WALCK, 36665828, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 November 1944. With enemy shells bursting in close proximity, Technician Fourth Grade WALCK unhesitatingly assisted in the repair of an immobilized ammunition vehicle. Realizing the serious need for the ammunition in the day's important attack, he and his comrades worked faithfully and diligently without regard to the personal danger involved. Technician Fourth Grade WALCK, by his courage and devotion to duty, reflected credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade EARL G. BAITTIE, 36684145, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 10 November 1944. With enemy shells bursting in close proximity, Technician Fifth Grade BAITTIE unhesitatingly assisted in the repair of an immobilized ammunition vehicle. Realizing the serious need for the ammunition in the day's important attack, he and his comrades worked faithfully and diligently without regard to the personal danger involved. Technician Fourth Grade BAITTIE, by his courage and devotion to duty, reflected credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States.

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Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT R. BELL, 33686610, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense and unceasing enemy artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade BELL, in the face of great personal danger, heroically attended the wounded members of his section. His cool action, despite the fact that he was suffering from shock caused by the falling shells, was an inspiration to his comrades and was instrumental in saving the lives of the injured. Technician Fifth Grade BELL's solicitude and bravery under fire are attributes of a superior soldier and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK NEMIS, 32072135, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. Without prior knowledge of the duties of a radio operator, Technician Fifth Grade NEMIS, driver for a half-track vehicle, voluntarily remained at an observation post exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire and successfully aided, as radio operator, in directing friendly artillery fire. Through his cool, calculating manner and loyal devotion to duty Technician Fifth Grade NEMIS contributed materially to the successful repulse of the enemy attack and his actions reflect great credit upon him.

Technician Fifth Grade ROBERT J. RAGAN, 20245921, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Belgium on 9 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade RAGAN, as a radio operator, voluntarily and alone continued to man an observation post after the other members of his section were evacuated for wounds. He was subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire but tenaciously remained in his advantageous position, directing friendly artillery fire on an enemy counter-attack. The courageous action and loyal devotion to duty, as displayed by Technician Fifth Grade RAGAN, reflect great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class EDWARD L. HEATH, 7000164, Field Artillery, Battery A, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 30 November 1944. Private First Class HEATH, telephone operator, courageously assisted in manning an artillery observation post forward of friendly front lines. When radio communications failed, he voluntarily assisted in evacuating the radio set. In accomplishing this he crossed five hundred yards of open ground under heavy mortar fire. Private First Class HEATH's heroic act and loyal devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class JOSEPH A. MARHEFKA, 32848169, Field Artillery, Battery C, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Luxembourg on 29 December 1944. When enemy artillery set on fire a trailer and half-track loaded with ammunition, Private First Class MARHEFKA, a cannoneer, voluntarily and with unhesitating courage ran to the

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vehicle and drove it away from the battery position. By his prompt action he removed a source of imminent danger to the personnel and equipment of his battery. His courage exemplifies the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

IV - 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 GEORGE W. WANNAMAKER, 0145360, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 16 September 1944 to 20 January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel CECIL S. MOLLOHAN, 019309, Medical Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Captain JOHN J. ELIAS, 0406393, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 1 November 1944 to 20 January 1945.

First Lieutenant HOWARD K. McINTYRE, 01180613, Field Artillery, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 21 July 1944 to 21 January 1945.

Second Lieutenant VIVIAN SCHOTT, N730867, Army Nurse Corps, 16th Field Hospital, United States Army, 27 June 1944 to 15 January 1945.

Sergeant CURTIS CHILDRESS, 7008682, Cavalry, Troop A, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 26 December 1944 to 2 January 1945.

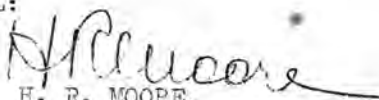
Corporal WADE H. WHEELLOCK, 6967275, Cavalry, Troop A, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 26 December 1944 to 2 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND V. BENSON, 38217026, Field Artillery, Headquarters 183rd Field Artillery Group, United States Army, 1 October 1944 to 26 January 1945.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

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