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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

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 posthumously to:

Sergeant BILLIE V. NASH, 6656530, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 2 December 1944, at * * * , France, Sergeant NASH (then Corporal), squad leader, was a member of a platoon subjected to a counter-attack. Apprehensive that his squad would be cut off, he obtained a .30 caliber light machine gun and fired it from his hip until all of his men had safely withdrawn to a selected defensive position. The calculated courage, initiative, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant NASH in his gallant action reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States

Private First Class LEON G. SVINKUNAS, 36726711, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944 in the town of * * * , Germany, Private First Class SVINKUNAS' platoon was subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage followed by an enemy counter-attack. From positions on high ground, the enemy was able to cover the escape route of the platoon. Private First Class SVINKUNAS and a comrade, with complete disregard for their personal safety, unhesitatingly engaged an enemy machine gun crew about 50 yards away. Despite intense counter-fire, he continued his task until mortally wounded. The gallant action and supreme devotion to duty of Private First Class SVINKUNAS reflect credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

II - 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:

Captain IVAN L. McCracken, 0432930, Cavalry, Troop A, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action.

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During operations against the enemy from 6 January 1945 to 11 January 1945 in Luxembourg, Captain McCracken, troop commander, displayed sound tactical judgment and unusual bravery under fire. His forceful, vigorous and courageous leadership inspired his men to unceasing efforts. He repeatedly took the lead in the advance of his troop against much superior enemy forces until he was wounded by enemy fire. Despite his wound he refused evacuation until he had given a complete report of the tactical situation to his superiors. The repeated exemplary conduct of Captain McCracken and his superb gallantry are in keeping with the noblest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant FRANK E. DUHME, JR., 01184645, Field Artillery, Battery A, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, Lieutenant DUHME was serving as forward observer with an infantry company near * * *, Belgium, when his position was suddenly attacked by the enemy. Immediately he ordered one man to stand by the radio and call for supporting artillery fire to impede the progress of the attack. Then he calmly fought with the infantry, firing at point blank range at the oncoming enemy, hurling hand grenades into their midst and standing fast to his position regardless of their proximity. After the attack was repulsed he promptly and solicitously assisted the aid men in the treatment and evacuation of the wounded infantrymen. Lieutenant DUHME's gallantry and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service of the United States.

Sergeant ROBERT A. ANGLIN, 6972808, Cavalry, Troop C, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 11 January 1945 during an attack near * * *, Luxembourg, Sergeant ANGLIN, section leader in the 2nd platoon, displayed exceptional courage and determination. When his platoon was pinned down by constant enemy fire from two directions, Sergeant ANGLIN, with utter disregard for his own safety, boldly advanced alone. His conspicuous courage, gallantry and leadership so inspired his platoon that, despite the withering enemy fire, the advance was successfully resumed and the platoon's objective taken. Sergeant ANGLIN's action reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant LELTON E. JONES, 6928892, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 3 December 1944 near * * *, France, Sergeant JONES was a member of a reconnaissance patrol attempting to gain information of enemy defensive positions. To accomplish its mission it was necessary for the patrol to cross open ground covered by enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant JONES and a comrade volunteered, without hesitation, to attempt the hazardous mission of neutralizing the enemy fire. Crawling across 200 yards of exposed ground, under direct enemy fire, he reached a position from which he threw a hand grenade putting the gun and crew out of action, thereby allowing the patrol to complete its task. By casting aside regard for his own safety, Sergeant JONES displayed unusual gallantry and devotion to duty and reflected credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant FRED MUELLER, 33027768, Cavalry, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 14 December

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1944 in the town of * * * , Germany, Sergeant (then Corporal) MUELLER's platoon was subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage followed by an enemy counter-attack. From positions on high ground the enemy was able to cover the escape route of the platoon. Sergeant MUELLER and a comrade with complete disregard for their personal safety, unhesitatingly engaged an enemy machine gun crew about 50 yards away. Despite the fact that his companion was mortally wounded by intense counter-fire, he continued his action against the enemy and succeeded in knocking out the gun and crew. The gallantry and courageous conduct of Sergeant MUELLER reflect credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Corporal WILLIAM A. IRVIN, JR., 33656944, Field Artillery, Battery A, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945 near * * * , Belgium, while Corporal IRVIN was serving in a forward observer's party with the infantry, his position was suddenly attacked by the enemy. Calmly, he fought with the infantry, firing at point-blank range at the oncoming enemy and hurling hand grenades into their midst. Even though the enemy onslaught was not stopped until it reached within ten feet of Corporal IRVIN's position, he stood fast and continued to fire until the attack was repulsed. Corporal IRVIN's gallantry and courageous devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade GEORGE A. BREMMER, 33101571, Cavalry, Troop A, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 26 December 1944 at * * * , Belgium, Technician Fifth Grade BREMMER, while serving as a liaison agent, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced twice in front of friendly troops into enemy lines, applied his ability to speak German and persuaded seven armed enemy paratroopers to surrender. His bold, gallant action under grave threat to himself, permitted his unit to advance without suffering further casualties. The outstanding courage, devotion to duty and consideration of the welfare of his comrades, displayed by Technician Fifth Grade BREMMER, reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade ROSCOE W. JORDAN, 7008681, Cavalry, Troop B, 6th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 3 December 1944 near * * * , France, Technician Fifth Grade JORDAN was a member of a reconnaissance patrol attempting to gain information of enemy defensive positions. To accomplish its mission it was necessary for the patrol to cross open ground covered by enemy machine gun fire. Technician Fifth Grade JORDAN and a comrade volunteered, without hesitation, to attempt the hazardous mission of neutralizing the enemy fire. Crawling across 200 yards of exposed ground, under direct enemy fire, he reached a position from which he threw a hand grenade putting the gun and crew out of action, thereby allowing the patrol to complete its task. By casting aside regard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade JORDAN displayed unusual gallantry and devotion to duty and reflected credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class ORVILLE L. RANDOLPH, 34885928, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 178th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 7 January 1945 at * * * , Belgium, during intense enemy artillery,

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mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class RANDOLPH left the comparative safety of his fox hole to seek aid for a seriously wounded companion. During continuing enemy fire, despite wounds from shell fragments suffered in the search, he located and returned with a friendly tank and helped in the evacuation of the injured man. The cool and courageous manner in which Private First Class RANDOLPH conducted himself, demonstrates the highest degree of combat efficiency and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class ROBERT E. TALBERT, 35875702, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 178th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 7 January 1945 at * * * , Belgium, Private First Class TALBERT, during an intense enemy artillery shelling, voluntarily and with disregard for his own safety, sought aid for a member of his company who had suffered a serious wound from shell fragments. In the courageous and successful performance of this hazardous task he was wounded. The cool and unselfish manner in which Private First Class TALBERT conducted himself, reflect great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

III - 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 Fourth Grade LEONARD BOMBS, 20643840, Field Artillery, Battery B, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany and Belgium, from 21 July 1944 to 17 January 1945.

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 is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade LOUIS J. MOLINARO, 32774903, 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 Luxembourg on the night of 21 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade MOLINARO, with three others volunteered to lead an ambulance over enemy mined roads to reach four men seriously injured by anti-personnel mines. Upon reaching the scene, he and his assistants boldly passed through a mined area, on foot, to carry the wounded men to the ambulance. The loyal, courageous and fearless devotion to duty exhibited by Technician Fifth Grade MOLINARO, contributed to a great extent to the safe evacuation of the wounded soldiers and reflects credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class PAUL J. HERRMANN, 32774778, 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

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in Luxembourg on the night of 21 January 1945. Private First Class HERRMANN, with three others, volunteered to lead an ambulance over one and one-half miles of enemy mined roads to reach four men seriously injured by anti-personnel mines. Upon reaching the scene, he and his assistants boldly passed through a mined area, on foot, to carry the wounded men to the ambulance. The loyal, courageous and fearless devotion to duty exhibited by Private First Class HERRMANN contributed to a great extent to the safe evacuation of the wounded soldiers and reflects credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private First Class MICHAEL J. HURTUK, 32774704, 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 Luxembourg, on the night of 21 January 1945. Private First Class HURTUK, with three assistants, volunteered to lead an ambulance over one and one-half miles of enemy mined roads to reach four men seriously injured by anti-personnel mines. Upon reaching the scene, he and his assistants boldly passed through a mined area, on foot, to carry the wounded men to the ambulance. The loyal, courageous and fearless devotion to duty exhibited by Private First Class HURTUK, contributed to a great extent to the safe evacuation of the wounded soldiers and reflects credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private JOHN M. DOIRON, 37552758, 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 Luxembourg on the night of 21 January 1945. Private DOIRON, with three others, volunteered to lead an ambulance over one and one-half miles of enemy mined roads to reach four men seriously injured by anti-personnel mines. Upon reaching the scene, he and his assistants boldly passed through a mined area, on foot, to carry the wounded men to the ambulance. The loyal, courageous and fearless devotion to duty exhibited by Private DOIRON, contributed to a great extent to the safe evacuation of the wounded soldiers and reflects credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

Private ALEXANDER GODLEWSKI, 32774681, 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 Luxembourg on 23 January 1945. Private GODLEWSKI, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, fearlessly drove a quarter-ton truck to a position between a wounded member of his platoon and enemy machine gun fire. With the aid of another soldier, he loaded the wounded man into the truck and drove back to safety. Private GODLEWSKI's daring action and superior initiative saved the life of the wounded soldier, and reflects great credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States.

V - 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

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the United States during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Colonel GEORGE A. MCCRIS, 0266651, Corps of Engineers, 1137th Engineer Combat Group, United States Army, 20 December 1944 to 5 February 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel FRANCIS R. SANDFORD, 0420204, Medical Corps, Headquarters 182nd Medical Battalion, United States Army, 9 December 1944 to 5 February 1945.

Chief Warrant Officer BENJAMIN J. THOMPSON, W2118193, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 5 February 1945.

First Sergeant DONALD F. WAGNER, 56203846, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 177th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, 21 July 1944 to 21 January 1945.

Master Sergeant HAROLD D. DAVIS, 35004240, Infantry, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 16 September 1944 to 6 February 1945.

Master Sergeant ROBERT W. KYLE, 55330930, Infantry, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 18 January 1945.

Master Sergeant ARNOLD R. PEGLER, 36105621, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 28 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant MARVIN J. BEALE, 20709052, Infantry, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANKLIN J. PIERCE, 37196687, Headquarters Battery, 193rd Field Artillery Group, United States Army, 6 August 1944 to 27 December 1944.

VI - REVOCATION ✓

Section II, General Orders No. 23, this Headquarters, 9 February 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Corporal WILLIAM A. IRVIN, JR., 33656944, Field Artillery, is revoked. This award is republished as a Silver Star in Paragraph 6, Section II of this General Order.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

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