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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technician Third Grade ALVIN T. KONOP, 36202456, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 4 November 1944 Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade) KONOP, a medical aid man, on his own initiative, led four unarmed volunteers to render possible aid to the crew of a disabled tank near * * * , Luxembourg, which friendly forces had not yet occupied. Upon arrival at the tank, after crossing 1200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar fire and known observation, he found two of the tankmen were wounded seriously, and the third had been killed instantly. He immediately administered first aid and promptly evacuated the casualties. Technician Third Grade KONOP's loyal devotion to duty and gallant action reflect great credit upon him and the Medical Department of the military forces of the United States.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. KOLODZIEJ, 36005526, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944 near * * * , Belgium, Sergeant (then Corporal) KOLODZIEJ, as a member of a patrol attempting to recover abandoned equipment, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, manned a machine gun and assisted by another soldier boldly maneuvered in a one-quarter ton truck to an exposed position in the face of heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire. He placed such accurate fire on the enemy that recovery of the equipment was accomplished without suffering a personnel casualty. The gallantry and daring displayed by Sergeant KOLODZIEJ reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant JOHN C. MYERS, 39678096, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 4 November 1944 Sergeant MYERS, on his own initiative, volunteered to accompany, unarmed and without a brassard, four other men to render possible aid to the crew of a disabled tank near * * * , Luxembourg, which friendly forces had not yet occupied. Upon arrival at the tank, after crossing 1200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar fire and known observation, he found two of the

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tankmen were wounded seriously, and the third had been killed instantly. He immediately assisted in administering first aid and in the prompt evacuation of the casualties. Sergeant MYERS' loyal devotion to duty and gallant action reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade PERSHING O. DAVIS, 35004768, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 4 November 1944 Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS, on his own initiative volunteered to accompany, unarmed and without a brassard, four other men to render possible aid to the crew of a disabled tank near * * *, Luxembourg, which friendly forces had not yet occupied. Upon arrival at the tank, after crossing 1200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar fire and known observation, he found two of the tankmen were wounded seriously, and the third had been killed instantly. He immediately assisted in administering first aid and in the prompt evacuation of the casualties. Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS' loyal devotion to duty and gallant action reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Technician Fifth Grade HUBERT W. SMITH, 36869343, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 4 November 1944 Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, on his own initiative, volunteered to accompany, unarmed, four other men to render possible aid to the crew of a disabled tank near * * *, Luxembourg, which friendly forces had not yet occupied. Upon arrival at the tank, after crossing 1200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar fire and known observation, he found two of the tankmen were wounded seriously, and the third had been killed instantly. He immediately assisted in administering first aid and in the prompt evacuation of the casualties. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH's loyal devotion to duty and gallant action reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Private TROY L. SMITH, 6945994, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 4 November 1944 Private SMITH, on his own initiative, volunteered to accompany, unarmed and without a brassard, four other men to render possible aid to the crew of a disabled tank near * * *, Luxembourg, which friendly forces had not yet occupied. Upon arrival at the tank, after crossing 1200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy mortar fire and known observation, he found two of the tankmen were wounded seriously, and the third had been killed instantly. He immediately assisted in administering first aid and in the prompt evacuation of the casualties. Private SMITH's loyal devotion to duty and gallant action reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Private DEWITT B. STRICKLAND, 18019810, Cavalry, Troop C, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944 near * * *, Belgium, Private STRICKLAND, as a member of a patrol attempting to recover abandoned equipment, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his personal safety, boldly maneuvered in a one-quarter ton truck to an exposed position in the face of heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire. His aggressive action enabled another soldier accompanying him to place such accurate fire on the enemy that recovery of the equipment was accomplished without suffering a personnel casualty. The gallantry and daring displayed by Private STRICKLAND reflect great credit upon him and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

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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:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD R. BLASDELL, 13109900, Cavalry, Troop C, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945 near * * * , Luxembourg, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) BLASDELL, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire and effectively fired his machine gun from the hip, causing the enemy to seek cover. He skilfully and courageously continued to place accurate fire upon the enemy, enabling his platoon to advance, overrun and capture the opposing machine gun nest. Technician Fifth Grade BLASDELL's gallantry and cool, determined aggressiveness were inspirational to the men in his platoon and exemplify the highest traditions of the armed forces 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 is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD R. BLASDELL, 13109900, Cavalry, Troop C, 28th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Belgium, on 4 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) BLASDELL, a machine gunner in the leading vehicle of an attacking platoon, was suddenly subjected to terrific enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Without regard for his own safety, he promptly and courageously returned the fire from his exposed position, thereby permitting the safe withdrawal of his platoon's advance party. The heroic action and unselfish concern for the safety of the members of his platoon exhibited by Technician Fifth Grade BLASDELL 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 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, 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:

Chaplain (Colonel) PATRICK L. CRONIN, 0266888, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Colonel MARION B. FOWLER, 0171554, Finance Department, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Colonel JAMES E. GODWIN, 018768, Judge Advocate General's Department, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 10 December 1944.

Colonel FREDERIC A. METCALF, 09724, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 10 December 1944.

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Lieutenant Colonel JOHN E. BOYT, 021304, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 5 February 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel NORMAN B. EDWARDS, 019936, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel PATRICK W. HARRINGTON, 0382823, General Staff Corps, (Quartermaster Corps), Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel HORACE E. HARWOOD, 0224578, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 25 January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel KENNETH P. JONES, 0258027, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 29 August 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Major DONALD A. CARMEL, 0399117, Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 21 January 1945.

Major FRANK POULSEN, 0372879, Ordnance Department, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Major J. R. WOODFILL, 0266558, Signal Corps, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 20 January 1945.

Captain STEPHEN W. GUZY, 0286667, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 20 December 1944 to 17 January 1945.

First Lieutenant MARSHALL ALEXANDER, 0454332, Cavalry, Troop B, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), United States Army, 2 November 1944 to 23 December 1944.

Master Sergeant LEON R. JONES, 34164410, Infantry, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

Technical Sergeant KENNETH L. WESSEL, 39168916, Field Artillery, Headquarters III Corps, United States Army, 15 September 1944 to 17 January 1945.

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:

Major THOMAS E. RAMSAY, 0362584, Chemical Warfare Service, 3rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized), United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 25 December 1944 to 5 February 1945.

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IV - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant HERBERT C. CHANCE, O1177326, Field Artillery, 259th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against an enemy over Belgium and Germany from 6 November 1944 to 21 January 1945.

First Lieutenant CHARLES E. MORTON, O1184907, Field Artillery, 259th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against an enemy over Belgium and Germany from 2 November 1944 to 14 January 1945.

First Lieutenant JOHN W. SHOEMAKER, O1184149, Field Artillery, 259th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against an enemy over Belgium and Germany from 25 November 1944 to 16 January 1945.

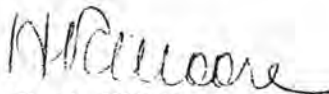
V - AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

By direction of the President and under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 16TH FIELD HOSPITAL, United States Army, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 15 August 1944 to 21 December 1944.

By command of Major General MILLIKIN:

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

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Colonel, A.G.D.,
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