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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private WILLIAM E. ROBERGE, 31214379, Cavalry, Troop B, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), Army of the United States, for gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, in * * *, Germany, the platoon received a counter-attack by the enemy and was forced to withdraw, leaving a slightly wounded man surrounded. After the platoon reorganized in a defensive position about 200 yards from the enemy Private ROBERGE and another man volunteered to recover the wounded man. They drove through the enemy lines in a one-quarter ton truck with a mounted .30 caliber machine gun, manned by Private ROBERGE, and returned with the wounded soldier. Later it was discovered that the platoon had been forced to leave a badly needed supply of small arms ammunition in its former position. Private ROBERGE, again volunteered without regard for his own safety, manned the .30 caliber machine gun on the one-quarter ton truck while it was driven through the enemy lines on a road covered by enemy small arms and artillery fire, recovered the ammunition from a building and returned to his platoons new position. The outstanding heroism, extreme devotion to duty and high courage displayed by Private ROBERGE exemplify the highest tradition of the armed forces of the United States.

Corporal ROBERT C. BAUGH, 6397899, Cavalry, Troop B, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), Army of the United States, for gallantry in action. On the night of 2 December 1944 Corporal BAUGH, (then Private) utilizing an abandoned one-quarter ton ambulance, voluntarily and unaided, evacuated wounded personnel from the interior of a factory at * * *, France that was under constant and intense artillery fire.

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Carrying injured and wounded personnel of the * * * Ranger Infantry Battalion to which he was attached, he made two trips driving over a very tortuous route through the factory, crossing railroad tracks, and passing along a cratered road. At the time that he performed this act medical personnel were badly needed and unavailable. Again, on 14 December 1944 at * * *, Germany, Corporal BAUGH was a member of the 1st Platoon, Troop B, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) when it received a counterattack and was forced to withdraw, leaving a slightly wounded man surrounded by the enemy. After the platoon reorganized in a defensive position about 200 yards from the enemy, Corporal BAUGH obtained a one-quarter ton truck, drove through the enemy lines with another man and returned with the wounded soldier. Later it was discovered that the platoon had been forced to leave a badly needed supply of small arms ammunition in its former position. Corporal BAUGH, again without regard for his own safety, drove the one-quarter ton truck through the enemy lines on a road covered by enemy small arms and artillery fire, and with another man recovered the ammunition from the building and returned to his platoons new position. The outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal BAUGH and the unselfish consideration and attention he gave to his wounded comrades thereby causing them less suffering and increasing their chances of recovering, 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, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade HASKEL D. BARKER, 34022085, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz), Army of the United States. During the attack on * * *, France, Technician Fifth Grade BARKER, was assigned the duty as driver of a field ambulance, his mission being the evacuation of troop casualties from the forward areas of his troop to the Squadron rear aid station. From the morning of 2 December until midnight of 4 December, he drove the ambulance continuously without relief, much of the time driving under blackout conditions. Due to a critical shortage of medical personnel it was necessary for Technician Fifth Grade BARKER to serve as auxiliary troop aid man and litter bearer. Under constant enemy observation, intense artillery and small arms fire, he evacuated, on foot, many wounded from forward areas, loaded them in the ambulance and drove to the aid station in the rear. He demonstrated considerable initiative in treating and sorting wounded and giving plasma, once giving plasma enroute, without assistance. While engaged in the above operations he was instrumental in the capture of an enemy soldier dressed in civilian clothes.

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He accomplished this without arms in the process of investigating mysterious signals given at night by flashlight. Technician Fifth Grade BARKER, through his great personal courage, tenacity and initiative, has done much to stimulate and maintain the morale of those witnessing his labors. His tireless devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon him and the Medical Corps of the Armed Forces of the United States.

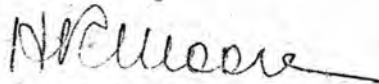
Private JOSEPH C. EDWARDS, 34735504, Corps of Military Police, * * * Military Police Company, Army of the United States. On 11 December 1944, Private EDWARDS was on duty with a detail transporting German Prisoners of War from an isolated point to a prisoner of war enclosure. His detail was stopped near * * *, France, by a French woman, and although not familiar with the French language he was able to understand that there were German soldiers on a nearby hill. Private EDWARDS volunteered to accompany the Sergeant in command of his detail to investigate. Together they proceeded to the top of a hill from which they observed a partially concealed concrete pillbox. They fearlessly rushed the entrance of the fortification capturing two completely surprised German soldiers who were armed far superior than he and his companion. His undaunted courage, initiative, and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

Sergeant LEON GROSSMAN, 12054719, Corps of Military Police, * * * Military Police Company, Army of the United States. On 11 December 1944, while returning to his unit with three German Prisoners of War, the vehicle in which Sergeant GROSSMAN was riding was waved down by a French woman near * * *, France. Sergeant GROSSMAN, though not familiar with the French language, did manage to understand from the woman that German soldiers were on a nearby hill. Accompanied by another Military Policeman, Sergeant GROSSMAN, exhibiting extreme devotion to duty, proceeded to the top of the hill from which he could observe a partially concealed concrete pillbox. Fearlessly he rushed the entrance and captured two completely surprised German soldiers who were armed far superior than he or his companion. His undaunted courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon him and the military forces of the United States.

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