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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

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:

Corporal JOHN L. SELLERS, 33081164, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States, for gallantry in action. On 15 December 1944, Corporal SELLERS was on duty as a battery aid man with Battery C. When the first round of an enemy artillery concentration injured one of the cooks in the battery kitchen truck, Corporal SELLERS, without regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily rushed to the aid of his comrade-in-arms despite the continued intense enemy shelling. While in the act of climbing into the kitchen truck Corporal SELLERS was mortally wounded by fragments of a shell which burst nearby, and he died a few minutes thereafter. The self sacrifice and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Corporal SELLERS, and which inspired him to lay down his life in an attempt to save that of another, reflect the highest credit upon him and upon the military service.

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 heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

Corporal LON R. FISHER, 35036588, Field Artillery, Battery B, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. On 13 December 1944, while accompanying his Battery Commander to establish a forward observation post across the * * * River at * * *, Germany, Corporal FISHER demonstrated great tenacity of purpose and courage in carrying out his task. While attempting to cross the engineer bridge he was pinned to the ground by a heavy enemy artillery concentration which caused several casualties about him. After the shelling had abated he proceeded forward, on foot, carrying the heavy radio equipment. During the long journey he was again subjected to enemy artillery fire which damaged the radio set beside him. Not to be deterred, he continued to the proposed observation post with the radio, hoping to repair it as it was his only means of communications. He attained his objective and remained until it was ordered abandoned. The extreme attention to duty at great personal risk and the audacious determination displayed by Corporal FISHER distinguish him as a superior soldier and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.

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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, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

First Lieutenant DONALD C. BLAINE, O1174233, Field Artillery, Service Battery, * * * Field Artillery Battalion; Army of the United States, 1 August 1944 to 28 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant WESTON R. SMITH, 20927992, Field Artillery, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States, 19 August 1944 to 24 December 1944.

Corporal CARL E. MERRIMAN, 6391362, Cavalry, Headquarters Troop, * * * Cavalry Group (Mechanized), Army of the United States, 4 December 1944 to 6 December 1944.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

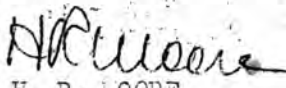
By direction of the President and under the provisions of Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

Captain WILLIAM C. JACKSON, O1171202, Field Artillery, Battery B, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States. On 18 December 1944, near * * * , France, Captain JACKSON, with another officer, exhibited great skill and daring, under enemy fire, by obtaining the data necessary for the preparation of a shell report. Immediately after an enemy artillery concentration stopped, Captain JACKSON and his companion proceeded forward to obtain the data. They reached a point within forty yards of the impact area when the enemy repeated the concentration. No cover was available and fragments showered his position wounding his companion. When the second concentration ceased he obtained the information desired although fully aware that the area might be shelled at any time. The tenacity of purpose and courage displayed by Captain JACKSON reflect distinct credit upon him and upon the military forces of the United States.

By command of the CORPS COMMAND:

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