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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:

Private First Class JOHN D. BARRICK, 19208764, Cavalry, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), Army of the United States, for gallantry in action. On 3 December 1944 in * * *, France, while the first platoon of Troop C, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), was under heavy artillery and small arms fire, it was necessary to cross an exposed area and return with vehicles which were needed to evacuate wounded men. Private First Class BARRICK eagerly volunteered to undertake this mission and made the crossing three consecutive times, returning each time with one of the essential vehicles. He then volunteered, without consideration of the personal risk involved, to drive the first vehicle to evacuate a badly wounded comrade from the shell pounded town, and he accomplished this difficult mission in the face of severe enemy automatic weapons fire. The conduct of Private First Class BARRICK in combat has at all times been exemplary and in keeping with the finest 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, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade HARVIE W. LEATHERWOOD, 7004574, Cavalry, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), Army of the United States. On 3 December 1944 in * * *, France, the first platoon of Troop C, * * * Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized), was under extremely heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. During the course of the action a member of the platoon was wounded and trapped in an exposed position. Technician Fifth Grade LEATHERWOOD, having the welfare of his comrades foremost in mind, fearlessly moved to this position, and aided the wounded man to safety. After administering first aid he placed his wounded comrade in a vehicle and evacuated him from the town. During the entire performance of the act Technician Fifth Grade LEATHERWOOD was under ..

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constant and severe automatic weapons fire. This incident exemplifies the courage and steadfastness of this soldier under combat conditions. His enthusiastic willingness to accomplish dangerous and vital missions reflects great credit upon him and the military service.

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 against an armed enemy during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

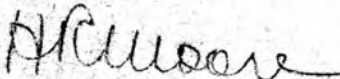
Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES F. STEPLENS, 14004407, Cavalry, Headquarters Troop, * * * Cavalry Group (Mechanized), Army of the United States, 4 December 1944 to 6 December 1944.

Private HOMER BIRCHFIELD, JR., 35644372, Field Artillery, Battery A, * * * Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Army of the United States, 19 August 1944 to 24 December 1944.

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