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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant William M. Capron, 01057005, Infantry, 15th Armored Infantry Battalion, 5th Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 2 April 1945. As two enemy machine guns opened fire on his platoon, Lieutenant Capron started for a building approximately one hundred yards to his front. As he advanced, he killed two of the enemy at point blank range. This action inspired his platoon to follow him. Later, he fearlessly led five men in the destruction of an enemy rocket launcher position where two of the enemy were killed. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Lieutenant Capron reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Roberts, 35503972, Infantry, 377th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in France on 8 and 9 November 1944. Wounded three times by the explosive enemy mines, Sergeant Roberts courageously crossed a fire-swept mine field seven times, leading reinforcements to a small element of friendly troops. When the enemy counter attacked, Sergeant Roberts men successfully repulsed the attack. Sergeant Roberts heroic action was directly responsible for the success won in this otherwise hopeless engagement. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Roberts reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Charles M. Huntington, 33068140, Cavalry, 44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 9 April 1945. Being awakened by an enemy attack which set fire to his assault gun, in which the ammunition was exploding, Sergeant Huntington unhesitatingly mounted the burning vehicle, extinguished the fire and opened fire upon the enemy with small arms fire. His courage and determination resulted in saving his vehicle, two of his wounded comrades and his command post. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Huntington reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Sergeant Francis N. Rogowicz, 33136834, Armored, 32d Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Belgium on 22 January 1945. When his platoon was stopped by enemy anti-tank weapons and three tanks, Sergeant Rogowicz moved his tank to a sheltered position and called for artillery fire. His careful adjustment destroyed the enemy guns holding up the platoon's advance. Pushing on to the objective, he employed his tank weapons and disabled six enemy bazooka and machine-gun positions. Exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant Rogowicz made a dismounted reconnaissance ahead of his tank and as a result was able to

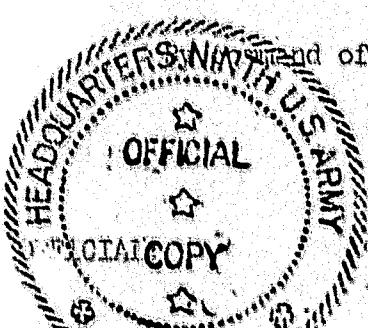
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locate and destroy an enemy self-propelled gun. When his tank was disabled by an enemy mine, Sergeant Rogowicz fearlessly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to direct other tanks through the mine field. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Sergeant Rogowicz reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Henry T. Hopper, 35461120, Infantry, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations in Germany on 1 and 2 March 1945. When an enemy attack isolated his unit, Private Hopper while voluntarily guarding the rear of the command post, single-handedly fired on a group of the enemy, wounding several and driving the patrol back. Then volunteering as a gunner on a bazooka team, he fired at an enemy tank while under heavy enemy fire and forced it to withdraw. The team returned to the command post where Private Hopper spotted a four man enemy bazooka team and fired into their midst, killing two of them. The remaining two fired at Private Hopper, wounding him, but he returned their fire and killed the enemy gunner. He then returned to the command post for treatment of his wounds where he remained on duty until the following morning. The extraordinary heroism and courageous action of Private Hopper reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Dominic J. Nacciaro, 36627568, Medical Department, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 March 1945. When a shell from constant enemy artillery fire fell among a group of men, killing two and wounding four others, Private Nacciaro, with utter disregard for his personal safety and despite the fact that heavy enemy shelling continued, rushed to the wounded men. Private Nacciaro administered aid and remained until they were evacuated to an aid station. Later, while waiting in a tunnel for the shell fire to abate, a party of infantrymen were struck by enemy shell fragmentations and Private Nacciaro again exposed himself to administer aid to the wounded. The gallantry and courage of Private Nacciaro reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.



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