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Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:

WILLIAM L. DAVIS, 0346355, Major, Infantry, (Aide-de-Camp), Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on numerous occasions during the period 24 Jun 44 to 20 Aug 44 in France. Major Davis, during this period, exhibited an uncommon degree of courage and devotion to duty on occasion after occasion under enemy fire. Accompanying the commander of the \*\*\* Infantry Division he was frequently subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire in exposed areas where a less courageous officer would have taken cover. The effect upon the morale of front line troops of the presence of the Division Commander and his Aide was in many instances highly stimulating. Entered military service from Illinois.

MORRIS L. EISENSTEIN, 32332807, Tec 4, Field Artillery, \*\*\* FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action during the period 8 - 10 Oct 44 in France. Tec 4 Eisenstein was a radio operator with the forward observers party of his battery which was supporting an attack by the \*\*\* Infantry. His party was subjected to enemy mortar fire during which he was wounded. Despite his wounds, Tec 4 Eisenstein continued on with the forward party acting as radio operator and chief non-commissioned officer. The courage and devotion to duty of Tec 4 Eisenstein reflect great credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

RICHARD HICKMAN, 35660688, Cpl., Field Artillery, \*\*\* FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 2 Sep 44 in France. Cpl. Hickman was a member of the forward observers party of his battalion attached to the \*\*\* Infantry who were under enemy attack. Cpl. Hickman observed an abandoned Infantry truck in danger of being captured. Despite enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he ran across sixty yards of open field to the vehicle, started it and returned it to the Infantry Command Post. Here he gave the Infantry Commander information concerning the attack which resulted in reinforcements being dispatched and the attack repulsed. The courage of Cpl. Hickman reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

DYKE G. HILL, 34500531, Tec 5, Field Artillery, \*\*\* FA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 24 Sep 44 in France. When enemy artillery shelled his Command Post, Tec 5 Hill remained at his switchboard after directing his assistants to go to a place of safety. Despite the continued shelling he managed communications so that the massed fires of our own artillery could be brought down on the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty of Tec 5 Hill reflect high credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

SECTION II AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS

Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

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EDWARD F. ADAMS, 015326, Colonel, Coast Artillery Corps, \*\*\*\* AAA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 30 Aug 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

WILLIAM H. BARTLETT, 012695, Colonel, Field Artillery, \*\*\* FA Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 25 Aug 44 to 20 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from California.

LYNDON H. ARNOLD, 0411013, Lt. Col., Quartermaster Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Vermont.

PETER C. HYZER, 020589, Lt. Col., General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

GLENN S. MEADER, 0230589, Lt. Col., Signal Corps, \*\*\* Sig Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Jul 44 to 30 Aug 44 in the United Kingdom and France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHARLES M. PEEKE, 019810, Lt. Col., General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WALDO F. WALKER, 0367839, Lt. Col., Field Artillery, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

JOHN W. WILKIN, 0260609, Lt. Col., General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

RALPH J. WOLF, 0256288, Lt. Col., Infantry, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

WILLIAM F. BAVINGER JR., 0381887, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 5 Sep 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

FRED D. HAUSER, 01544497, Captain, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 23 Jul 44 to 30 Aug 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

PAUL V. LENZ, 01030056, Captain, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", \*\*\* MP Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Aug 44 to 30 Aug 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

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JOSEPH W. VONASEK, 0378725, Captain, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engr Topo Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 Aug 44 to 7 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

WILLIAM B. CARNE, 0535321, 1st Lt., Infantry, Headquarters Company, XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 30 Jul 44 to 25 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

GAYLE (NMI) GRIFFIN, 01297714, 1st Lt., Infantry, \*\*\* TD Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 20 Sep 44 in France. When the enemy shelled the one remaining bridge over the \*\*\*\*\* River they secured direct hits which partially destroyed the bridge. A half track of the \*\*\* Armd Div in attempting to cross struck a shell crater and upset throwing the half track and its occupants into the river. Lt. Griffin despite the enemy fire affected the rescue of these men from the river. The courage of Lt. Griffin reflect high credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

LOUIS LOMELROY, 01002670, 1st Lt., Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Jul 44 to 30 Aug 44 in the United Kingdom and France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Vermont.

LOUIS J. PHILIPPS, 0441618, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

CLYDE HUSTON, 0886743, 2nd Lt., Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

GEORGE J. ZWEIFEL, W2109496, CWO, United States Army, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 1 Nov 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

GREGORY H. DUFFIN, 32232687, M.Sgt., Infantry, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Aug 44 to 25 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES J. DOUGLAS, 6921038, S Sgt., Cavalry, \*\*\* Cav Ren Sq (Mocz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 15 Oct 44 in France. Sgt. Douglas was leading a patrol into enemy territory when enemy machine-gun fire was encountered. Sgt. Douglas was seriously wounded by this fire but refused to be evacuated until the patrol had found the exact location of the machine gun positions. Upon getting this information he was evacuated to the rear where he gave the information on the machine gun positions to a higher headquarters who in turn had artillery fire pin pointed on the positions and caused their destruction. The determination to fulfill his mission and the courage shown by S Sgt. Douglas reflect the highest credit on his character as a non-commissioned officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

LEMUEL R. ELLIOTT, 20830333, S Sgt., Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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ROBERT J. PROEBSTLE, 36726477, S Sgt., Cavalry, \*\*\* Cav Rcn Sq (Mocz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 2 Aug 44 to 13 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

KENNETH B. SCHMIDT, 32231951, Sgt., Infantry, Headquarters Company, XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 28 Jul 44 to 30 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM F. SCOTT, 34602612, S Sgt., Cavalry, \*\*\* Cav Rcn Sq (Mocz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 2 Aug 44 to 3 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

RALPH K. SNIDER JR., 33079603, S Sgt., Infantry, Headquarters Company XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 28 Jul 44 to 25 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MERRILL K. DILTS, 32066568, Tec 3, Infantry, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 12 Aug 44 to 31 Oct 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ASA C. EDDY, 15337469, Tec 3, Signal Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Jul 44 to 30 Aug 44 in the United Kingdom and France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from West Virginia.

JOHN A. BOOTERBAUGH, 33572400, Tec 4, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engr LE Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 12 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALFRED E. COREY, 36553492, Tec 4, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engr LE Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 12 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

WILLIAM HALUSCHUK, 37159726, Tec 4, Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

HANS W. HERMANSSEN, 39181606, Cpl., Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

KENNETH L. SOURBIER, 33510330, Tec 5, Corps of Military Police, Company "C", \*\*\* MP Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 Aug 44 to 30 Aug 44 in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

WILLIAM ARGENTO, 32601355, PFC, Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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WOODROW C. BESORE, 35537347, PFC, Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

CHARLES A. FONCK, 31335858, PFC, Corps of Engineers, \*\*\* Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 10 Aug 44 in France. PFC Fonck was a member of a party building a bridge across the \*\*\*\*\* River. When members of the party were wounded by heavy enemy fire which was brought to bear on the bridge site, without regard for personal safety PFC Fonck dashed out and helped to dislodge a boat to evacuate the wounded. He then aided the medics lift the men from the boat which was still under fire and carry them behind a six ton truck which was used as cover. All the while PFC Fonck was exposed to very heavy enemy machine-gun, rifle, and 20mm fire. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety of PFC Fonck reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Connecticut.

LEONARD J. ROSLINO, 32601655, PFC, Field Artillery, \*\*\* TD Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 16 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

JOHN G. THORNTON, 33783167, PFC, Corps of Military Police, Company "C" \*\*\* MP Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 1 May 44 to 30 Aug 44 in the United Kingdom and France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

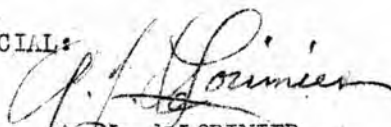
FREELAND A. TOWNSLEY, 32925815, Pvt., Infantry, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 17 Aug 44 to 25 Sep 44 in France, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

GERALD V. TIBBITTS, 6878496, Pvt., Field Artillery, \*\*\* FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 16 Sep 44 in France. Pvt. Tibbitts was the radio operator for the forward observers party assisting the \*\*\* Infantry. When enemy artillery shelled his position, he assisted the forward observer direct artillery fire on the enemy positions. He also exposed himself to fire to give warning to the Infantry of an enemy counter-attack. The courage shown by Pvt. Tibbitts reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

By command of Major General EDDY:

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