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SECTION I AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDALS

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 Officers and Enlisted Men:

WALTER J. EASTON, 0308641, Lt. Col., Cavalry, 2nd Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 29 Apr 45 in Germany and Czechoslovakia. Lt. Col. Easton's Squadron received the mission of clearing the Eisenstein pass into Czechoslovakia. Lt. Col. Easton having first occupied Zwiesel vigorously advanced to the two roads leading through the pass. Lt. Col. Easton accompanied his leading elements and so fearlessly did he push his advance that the main force of the enemy was unable to deploy to defend the numerous road blocks along the pass. A force of 4500 White Russians, fighting for the Germans was cut off by the advance of Lt. Col. Easton's Squadron and forced to surrender. Lt. Col. Easton's courage and leadership as evidenced by his presence with his leading elements throughout the action inspired his men to such a rapid advance that over 5000 prisoners were taken and the pass was cleared for the advance of an Armored Division a few days later. His quick perception of the advantage of a rapid advance in two columns and the courage in leading these sets him forth as an outstanding leader and is in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROLAND ENGLEBRIGHT, 0417399, Major, Cavalry, 2nd Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 2 Apr 45 in Germany. Having been given command of a task force with a mission of advancing up the valley of the Fulda River and protecting the right flank of the XII Corps, Major Englebright advanced rapidly overcoming very heavy resistance. Discovering that a large Allied Prisoner of War Camp lay near his line of advance, Major Englebright immediately directed his advance to that point, he was constantly with his leading elements making personal reconnaissance of every position under heavy small arms and mortar fire. So skillful and courageous was his leadership that the small force under his command killed or captured the enemy in the villages outside of Bad Orb and caused the disorganized retreat of a large enemy force holding the town. This resulted in the freeing of some 6000 Allied Prisoners of War, including 1600 Americans all badly in need of medical care and food. The daring, quick grasp of opportunity, and personal leadership exhibited by Major Englebright in this instance is in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

ROBERT F. CUNNINGHAM, 0436966, Captain, Cavalry, 2nd Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 5 Mar 45 in Germany. Captain Cunningham's Troop was engaged in clearing a section of the Siegfried Line between Wasserbillig and Trier. Captain Cunningham found that an underground fort of large size was impeding the advance of American troops by fire from the concrete emplacements. Captain Cunningham personally directed the fire of his two attached tank destroyers forcing the enemy to close the ports of the fort and advanced his guns to within 100 yards of the fort. He then personally led a dismounted patrol of his troop through the barbed wire defense of the fort and succeeded in reaching the top from which he silenced the automatic mortar by the use of hand grenades. This action forced the Commanding Officer of the fort to cease firing and to display the white flag. Captain Cunningham then personally entered the fort still occupied by the enemy and induced the commander to surrender the fort and its entire garrison, two officers and 51 men. Captain Cunningham's courage and audacity in personal leadership of his men in the attack on this fort was instrumental in the saving of many American lives and was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.



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SIDNEY ZECHER, 025685, Captain, Cavalry, 42nd Cav Ren Sq (Mecz), who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 14 Apr 45 in Germany. While Bayreuth was being attacked by the 42nd Cav Ren Sq, and other friendly forces, Captain Zecher, in command of Troop B received the mission of proceeding around the city and blocking the exits to the East and Southeast. Despite continuous opposition from numerous groups of enemy, Captain Zecher vigorously advanced his troop into its zone overcoming all enemy encountered and blocking the required roads. Despite the small force at his disposal, Captain Zecher succeeded in preventing any enemy withdrawal to the South and East and captured over 400 prisoners. During the entire action Captain Zecher was with the leading or most engaged elements of his command, in many instances his unit being under enemy fire from two or three directions. The coolness, bravery, and skill with which Captain Zecher successfully executed his mission with a small force, greatly outnumbered by the enemy, is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

MILTON C. WORLEY, 01184971, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, 945th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 4 May 45 in Austria. When enemy guns began shelling his battery position, Lt. Worley immediately left his foxhole to help the casualties who had been seriously wounded by the first volley. Disregarding the shells which were hitting around him, Lt. Worley directed the evacuation of the wounded to a safer place. Lt. Worley and an aid man searched the entire area under fire for other wounded personnel. By his prompt and valorous action, several men were removed to a protected position, thereby preventing further possible injury. Lt. Worley's deed reflects the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

FRANCIS D. BROADBENT, 6789908, S Sgt., Medical Department, 731st FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Aug 44 in France. On this date enemy planes flew over the battalion area and dropped flares in the area. One of the flares landed on an ammunition truck and trailer containing powder charges and 350 high explosive and white phospherus 155mm shells and set them ablaze, thus causing explosions and many casualties among the battalion personnel. S Sgt. Broadbent voluntarily left his foxhole to attend a seriously wounded soldier lying on the ground. After treating the injured man's compound fractured leg, S Sgt. Broadbent, with the help of Tec 3 Raab, carried him 30 feet to a nearby ambulance. Then, for more than three hours, S Sgt. Broadbent went up and down the hedge-rowed fields, always in danger from flying fragments from the exploding shells and gave first-aid treatment to all casualties with total disregard for his own personal safety or comfort. S Sgt. Broadbent's actions reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ERNEST C. RAAB, 32715871, Tec 3, Medical Department, 731st FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 Aug 44 in France. On this date enemy planes flew over the battalion area and dropped flares in the area. One of the flares landed on an ammunition truck and trailer containing powder charges and 350 high explosive and white phospherus 155mm shells and set them ablaze, thus causing explosions and many casualties. Tec 3 Raab voluntarily left his foxhole to attend a seriously wounded soldier lying on the ground. After treating the injured man's compound fractured leg, Tec 3 Raab, with the aid of S Sgt. Broadbent, carried him 30 feet to a nearby ambulance. Then, for more than three hours, Tec 3 Raab went up and down the hedge-rowed fields, always in danger from flying fragments from the exploding shells and gave first-aid treatment to all casualties with total disregard for his own personal safety or comfort. Tec 3 Raab's actions reflect the hgihest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

SECTION II AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS

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

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JOHN B. CARSON, 0168597, 1st Lt., Field Artillery, 731st FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 17 Apr 45 in Germany. At about 1700 on this date Lt. Carson's attention was attracted to an ammunition trailer of the 180th FA Bn which had caught fire while proceeding through Neufang, Germany. The vehicle being stopped, Lt. Carson caught up two fire extinguishers and ran to the trailer. He warned all enlisted men to retreat to a safe position and he then directed, and assisted in the uncoupling of the trailer and extinguished the blaze. He then directed the trailer's removal to the edge of a nearby pond. Sending the enlisted men to safety, he removed the overheated 155mm projectiles and powder; thus forestalling the danger of the projectiles detonating near the troops quarters in the nearby vicinity. The courage and utter disregard for personal safety displayed by Lt. Carson reflects the highest credit on his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

LLOYD G. VAIL, 20424840, Cpl., Field Artillery, 276th Armd FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 25 Apr 45 in Germany. When an M-7 howitzer carriage caught fire, Cpl. Vail, without regard for his own safety nor the danger from burning ammunition, threw ammunition from the rear deck of the M-7 and aided in extinguishing the fire. By his actions, he helped in saving a piece of valuable military equipment and eliminated a great source of danger to other troops. In so doing he displayed courage and devotion to duty consistent with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

D. R. T. HUGHES, 34733531, PFC, Field Artillery, 276th Armd FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 25 Apr 45 in Germany. When an M-7 howitzer carriage caught fire, PFC Hughes, without regard for his own safety nor the danger from burning ammunition, threw ammunition from the rear deck of the M-7 and aided in extinguishing the fire. By his actions, he helped to save a piece of valuable military equipment and eliminated a source of danger to other troops. In so doing he displayed courage and devotion to duty consistent with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

EDDIE E. GARRETT, 34807166, Pvt., Corps of Engineers, 1135th Engr C Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 18 May 45 in Germany. When a building occupied by German civilians caught fire and almost instantaneously burst into a roaring inferno leaving trapped inside a small German child, Pvt. Garrett without regard for his personal safety rushed into the flaming structure and dragged the child to safety. By his daring action under the most adverse circumstances this intrepid soldier not only saved the life of the child but also demonstrated to the gathered German Civilians the courage and bravery possessed by the American Soldier. The conduct of Pvt. Garrett is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

SECTION III AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTERS TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, previously awarded, a Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to the following named Officer on 29 Mar 45:

RALPH J. CANINE, 07154, Brigadier General, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

2. Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal, previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal was awarded to the following named Officers on 29 Mar 45:

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ALFRED H. ANDERSON, 0169328, Colonel, Signal Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ASA W. K. BILLINGS JR., 0299909, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JOHN H. CLAYBROOK, 015817, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

CLYDE E. DOUGHERTY, 0190855, Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

JACK H. GRIFFITH, 016915, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

ALBERT C. LIEBER JR., 08884, Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters XXIII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 23 Feb 45 to 20 Mar 45 in Luxembourg and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

3. Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal, previously awarded, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named Officer and Enlisted Man:

JOHN R. KLUG, 01106879, Captain, Corps of Engineers, 166th Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious achievement on 27 - 28 Mar 45 in Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

MARVIN WADE, 20465173, Tec 5, Medical Department, 945th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 4 May 45 in Austria. When enemy artillery began shelling a battery area, several men were wounded by the first volley. Tec 5 Wade immediately began administering first aid, disregarding the shells that were falling near him. His courage and devotion to duty were largely responsible for rapid evacuation of the wounded. While the area was still under fire, Tec 5 Wade and another man removed the casualties 150 yards over difficult terrain to a protected area. During this period of intense enemy action, two men were killed and eight wounded. Tec 5 Wade's prompt and valorous deeds averted further injury to those already wounded. Entered military service from Georgia.

SECTION IV AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS

1. Under the provisions of Cir 32, Hq European Theater of Operations U. S. Army, 20 Mar 44, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal was presented to the following named Enlisted Man on 1 Jun 45:

HOWARD J. GILLOW, 36150364, Tec 4, Infantry, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 7 Jun 44 to 30 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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2. 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 Officer and Enlisted Men:

MAURICE L. SMITH, 0486663, Captain, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 10 Dec 44 to 10 Apr 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM P. COLE, 36808471, 1st Sgt., Field Artillery, 9th TD Gp., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 16 May 44 to 5 May 45 in the United Kingdom, France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

JAMES R. LEVAUGH, 35176531, 1st Sgt., Corps of Engineers, 282nd Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 13 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. 1st Sgt. LeVaugh personally supervised a detail of men who were engaged in bringing a truckload of vitally needed steel mats to a bridge site on the Luxembourg side of the Sauer River, near Echternach. The truck arrived at the beach shortly after dark, and by the light of enemy flares, the truck instantly became the target of intense enemy mortar fire. Several of the men in the area, including the Company Commander, were seriously wounded by this mortar fire. 1st Sgt. LeVaugh, with utter disregard for personal safety, entered the area being shelled and aided in the treatment and evacuation of the casualties. After seeing that all of the casualties had been taken care of he, with the aid of PFC Kucinski, unloaded the steel mats from the truck while still under continuous and heavy mortar fire. 1st Sgt. LeVaugh's complete determination, cool resourcefulness, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

ALVIN R. LUND, 36617707, S Sgt., Corps of Engineers, 996th Engr Tr Br Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 23 Mar 45 in Germany. The 996th Engr Tr Br Co had the mission of assisting in constructing a treadway bridge across the Rhine River in the vicinity of Oppenheim, Germany. S Sgt. Alvin R. Lund, platoon leader, was assigned the mission of assisting in assembling the bridge. The first section was towed to the far shore and upon arrival the men were subjected to intermittent accurate enemy artillery fire and periodic strafing. By his courage and example, S Sgt. Lund inspired his men and kept them on the bridge to complete their mission. The courage and outstanding devotion to duty of S Sgt. Lund reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

JACK G. MAYFIELD, 20465191, S Sgt., Medical Department, 945th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 4 May 45 in Austria. When enemy guns began shelling a firing battery position, S Sgt. Mayfield immediately went to the battery executive post to assist in administering first aid and evacuation. While enemy shells were falling nearby, S Sgt. Mayfield, with the battery executive officer, searched the battery area for other wounded personnel. S Sgt. Mayfield's prompt and valorous action, with complete disregard for his own safety, contributed largely to the rapid evacuation of the wounded from the area under fire. S Sgt. Mayfield's deed reflects great credit on his own character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

ROSCOE F. WALKER, 39409667, S Sgt., Field Artillery, 945th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 4 May 45 in Austria. When the first volley of enemy artillery hit in his battery area several casualties resulted. S Sgt. Walker, without regard for his personal safety, assisted in moving the wounded to a protected area while shells were falling all around him. S Sgt. Walker's prompt and courageous action saved his wounded comrades from further possible injury. S Sgt. Walker's courageous actions reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

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WOODROW W. AYRES, 34190681, Sgt., Field Artillery, 179th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 12 Aug 44 to 5 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

GEORGE L. GANNON, 32108788, Sgt., Field Artillery, 179th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 12 Aug 44 to 5 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

JAMES A. REED, 38019531, Tec 4, Field Artillery, 179th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 12 Aug 44 to 7 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

DAVID L. TURNIPSEED, 34164744, Tec 4, Field Artillery, 179th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 12 Aug 44 to 7 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

JACK L. ALEXANDER, 36534294, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, 996th Engr Tr Br Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 8 Jun 44 to 24 Mar 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

MARLEN L. HAGLUND, 36273155, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, 996th Engr Tr Br Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 6 Jun 44 to 24 Mar 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

JAY B. GREENSHIELD, 19071268, Tec 5, Field Artillery, 974th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 4 May 45 in Austria. While in position near the town of Rattenegg, Austria Battery "C", 974th FA Bn received a concentration of enemy artillery which seriously wounded the executive officer, the battery aid man, and two others. Tec 5 Greenshield, with instructions from the aid man, and exposing himself to shells still landing, administered first aid, including morphine injections, to the wounded. He then assumed control of the firing battery and the duties of the executive officer. His great courage and stability under fire reflects the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

LESTER L. MAHAN, 35374094, Tec 5, Corps of Engineers, 996th Engr Tr Br Co., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 17 Jun 44 to 24 Mar 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

JAMES E. CRAWFORD JR., 33527178, PFC, Medical Department, 974th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 4 May 45 in Austria. On this date PFC Crawford was attached to Battery "C" as Aid Man. At 1600, shortly after the battery came into position at Rattenegg, Austria, an intense artillery barrage from enemy 88's and 105's fell upon the area. PFC Crawford was seriously wounded by a large shell fragment. However, he remained calm, refused attention, and directed first aid for three other men who were injured by the same shell. It was not until the others were taken care of and the Battalion Surgeon arrived that his own wounds were taken care of. PFC Crawford's courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

ROGER D. HUMPHRIES, 14028916, PFC, Infantry, Headquarters Company XII Corps, who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 1 Sep 44 to 1 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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EDWARD L. KUCINSKI, 35926408, PFC, Corps of Engineers, 282nd Engr C Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by heroism on 13 Feb 45 in Luxembourg. PFC Kucinski was one of a detail of men who were engaged in bringing a truckload of vitally needed steel mats to a bridge site on the Luxembourg side of the Sauer River, near Echternach. The truck arrived at the beach shortly after dark, and by the light of enemy flares, the truck instantly became the target of intense enemy mortar fire. Several of the men in the area, including the Company Commander, were seriously wounded by this mortar fire. PFC Kucinski, with utter disregard for personal safety, entered the area being shelled and aided in the treatment and evacuation of the casualties. After seeing that all of the casualties had been taken care of he, with the aid of 1st Sgt. LeVaugh, unloaded the steel mats from the truck while still under continuous and heavy mortar fire. PFC Kucinski's complete determination, cool resourcefulness, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit on his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

MARVIN OWENS, 34090799, PFC, Field Artillery, 179th FA Bn., who while serving with the Army of the United States distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 12 Aug 44 to 7 May 45 in France, Luxembourg, and Germany, in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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