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II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Memorandum Number 84, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Frederick W. Muckenfuss, 01113870, Corps of Engineers, 202d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, while serving with the armed forces distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 26 February 1945, in Germany. While the infantry was fighting to clear the town of ~~*****~~, First Lieutenant Muckenfuss, under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, made his way through a reported mine field to the Roer River to make a reconnaissance for an assault bridge. After selecting a suitable site, he returned to town, reorganized his platoon which had suffered many casualties and set out to accomplish the task. Under the inspiring leadership of First Lieutenant Muckenfuss, the platoon worked with great zeal and efficiency, completed the bridge in record time and thus eliminated the necessity for the use of assault boats which was at first contemplated. This outstanding achievement by First Lieutenant Muckenfuss undoubtedly saved many lives during the successful crossing of the Roer River and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

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/t/ S.Z. ABELOW
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General

GEORGE R. BARKER,
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