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I. 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 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Edwin B. Buttery, 023 966, Field Artillery, 407th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. During the advance to the Rhine, Captain Buttery, as Liaison Observer, was assigned the task of locating enemy gun positions holding up the advance of our troops. While performing this mission a concentration of enemy flak fire seriously wounded him about the head and body and damaged his plane. Disregarding the gravity of his wounds, Captain Buttery continued to register the enemy positions until his plane was forced to make a crash landing. He extricated himself from the flaming plane and had the presence of mind to give his maps to his rescuers before lapsing into unconsciousness. The gallant action of Captain Buttery greatly aided the artillery in destroying the enemy guns and in clearing the way for the advancing troops. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant William M. Smith, 01 170 201, Field Artillery, 407th Field Artillery Group, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by gallantry in action on 28 February 1945, in Germany. During the advance to the Rhine, First Lieutenant Smith, as Liaison Pilot, was assigned the task of locating enemy gun positions holding up the advance of our troops. While performing this mission, a concentration of enemy flak fire seriously wounded him about the head and body and damaged his plane. Disregarding the gravity of his wounds, First Lieutenant Smith continued to register the enemy positions until his plane was forced to make a crash landing. He extricated himself from the flaming plane and immediately sought medical aid for his observer and reported his findings before lapsing into unconsciousness. The gallant action of First Lieutenant Smith greatly aided the artillery in destroying the enemy guns and in clearing the way for the advancing troops. Entered military service from Louisiana.

II. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S 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 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Captain James F. Flynn, 01 044 220, Coast Artillery Corps, 131st Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army, while a member of the

armed forces, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 24 March 1945, in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Captain Flynn assisted in the rescue of the members of a crew from a flaming aircraft which had crashed in the midst of a TNT dump. During this entire period flames were rapidly consuming the wreckage of the plane and the aircraft's ammunition supply consisting of .50 cal and 75 mm shells was exploding. Seconds after he effected this daring rescue, 75 tons of TNT exploded causing the complete disintegration of the wrecked plane and creating a crater two hundred feet in length, sixty feet in width and thirty feet in depth. The courage and high regard for his comrades displayed by Captain Flynn reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Luther W. Doss, 34 212 849, Coast Artillery Corps, 131st Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army, while a member of the armed forces, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 24 March 1945, in Germany. After a flak damaged B-24 airplane crashed into an ammunition dump and burst into flames endangering 600 tons of TNT, Technician Fourth Grade Doss courageously tried to remove some of the stacked explosives in an attempt to localize the danger. Completely disregarding the plane's exploding ammunition and the fires it had started in the piles of TNT, Technician Fourth Grade Doss worked at a rapid pace until 75 tons of the TNT exploded seriously injuring him. Although many others were killed and injured, the valiant act of this soldier prevented a much greater explosion thus saving the lives of many of his comrades and greatly reducing the loss of important army equipment. The intrepidity and courageous devotion to duty exhibited by Technician Fourth Grade Doss reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade George C. Rollo, 33 786 275, Coast Artillery Corps, 131st Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, United States Army, while a member of the armed forces, distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 24 March 1945, in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Rollo assisted in the rescue of the members of a crew from a flaming aircraft which had crashed in the midst of a TNT dump. During this entire period flames were rapidly consuming the wreckage of the plane and the aircraft's ammunition supply consisting of .50 cal and 75 mm shells was exploding. Seconds after he had effected this daring rescue, 75 tons of TNT exploded causing the complete disintegration of the wrecked plane and creating a crater two hundred feet in length, sixty feet in width and thirty feet in depth. The courage and high regard for his comrades displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Rollo reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS): By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

Captain Harold J. Love, O 456 550, Corps of Engineers, 999th Engineer Treadway Bridge Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 and 25 March 1945, in Germany. Captain Love courageously led his men in the hazardous task of building a bridge across the Rhine in support of the XVI Corps' successful assault crossing of the

river. Although under continuous heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Captain Love performed his dangerous task in an exposed position for over thirty-six hours. As the bridge was nearing completion a direct enemy shell hit killed this fearless officer. The men of his command, inspired by Captain Love's display of heroism, completed the mission shortly thereafter, thus contributing immeasurably to the success of the Ninth Army's drive across northern Germany. The intrepidity and devotion to duty exhibited by Captain Love are in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE 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 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to.

Captain Richard E. Harwick, O 348 712, Field Artillery, 666th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 February 1945, in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Captain Harwick, in order to carry out an important reconnaissance, entered a town infested with snipers and in which fierce fighting still raged. Although forced to seek refuge in ditches and buildings to escape flying shells and fragments, Captain Harwick fearlessly and expeditiously performed his assignment. The information gained by this courageous officer greatly aided his organization in the successful accomplishment of its battle mission. The intrepidity, courage and outstanding devotion to duty displayed by Captain Harwick reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Charles J. Meyer, O 388 574, Field Artillery, 666th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 February 1945, in Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant Meyer, in order to make a reconnaissance mission, advanced into a town where fighting still raged and where enemy snipers were still active. Despite heavy enemy artillery and shell fire, booby traps and mines, he proceeded fearlessly to plan and conduct this important survey. The hazards he faced were increased when his own tanks mistook him for the enemy and opened fire with machine guns driving him to the ground. By his intrepidity and dauntless courage, First Lieutenant Meyer successfully completed his reconnaissance and survey operations thereby greatly aiding his organization in the successful accomplishment of its mission. The devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Meyer reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Colonel Horace C. Gibson, O20 568, Medical Corps, 183d Medical Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 March to 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Major Jerome M. Gruber, O 408 783, Corps of Engineers, 1103d Engineer Combat Group, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 29 June 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Major Joseph P. Hayes, O 300 342, Field Artillery, 211th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 October 1944 to 6 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

V. AWARD OF AIR 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 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to:


First Lieutenant Lee C. Cornelius, O1 178 742, Field Artillery, 751st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 January to 13 April 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Performing duty as an Aerial Observer, First Lieutenant Cornelius has completed thirty-five sorties including patrolling and adjustment of artillery fire on enemy installations. Entered military service from Texas.

VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Clarence C. Coryell, 36 816 523, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 15 May 1945, in Germany.

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