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I — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Alvin Welch, 34987441, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. When his unit was pinned down and encountered heavy opposition from the enemy during an attack, Sergeant Welch voluntarily covered the reorganization of his squad from an exposed position. His gallant performance in this action enabled the squad to resume its advance, but as he moved to rejoin it, he was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepid daring and self-sacrifice reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class George R Ratliff, 38731123, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. When his unit was pinned down and encountered heavy opposition from the enemy during an attack, Private Ratliff voluntarily covered the reorganization of his squad from an exposed position. His gallant performance in this action enabled the squad to resume its advance, but as he moved to rejoin it, he was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepid daring and self-sacrifice reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Arkansas.

II — SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of this command:

Second Lieutenant Elbert L Newton, 01326914, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When his company was pinned down as it attacked enemy positions located in several houses, Lieutenant Newton, accompanied by an enlisted man, advanced toward one of the buildings despite withering fire from enemy automatic weapons, and after throwing hand grenades into the house, leaped through the window and assaulted the hostile machine gunners. His intrepid actions were responsible for silencing the enemy weapon, the capture of its crew, and enabled his unit to continue its advance. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Don L Newman, 20725607, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 2 March 1945. After Sergeant Newman had directed accurate rifle grenade fire against an enemy pillbox and silenced the weapon, elements of his company, believing that no further danger existed, advanced. Seeing one of the enemy crew members, who had been thought dead, move toward the automatic weapon in the machine gun emplacement, Sergeant Newman charged across the open ground through heavy fire, jumped into the machine gun nest, clubbed the enemy soldier with the butt of his rifle, and then turned the weapon upon the Germans, covering the advance of his platoon. His quick thinking, intrepidity, and accurate marksmanship accounted for three enemy dead, an enemy machine gun nest, and permitted the successful completion of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Corporal Arthur V Jones, 37221681, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. As he returned from battalion headquarters to his battery, Corporal Jones found the area under heavy shelling by enemy artillery and discovered an injured man whom he immediately evacuated to the aid station. Upon his return, he voluntarily acted as a cannoneer to serve a gun still in action until a nearby shell burst rendered it unserviceable, and ignited nearby ammunition. The concussion knocked Corporal Jones down. Still dazed, he extinguished the fire by throwing dirt on it with his hands. He then assisted in evacuating other wounded soldiers, saving them from further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Robert T Kinnard, 33922708 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 8 March 1945. In order to reach an enemy strongpoint in a house at * * * , Private Kinnard advanced alone across an open field under heavy fire from both enemy and friendly troops. Delivering intense fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle as he made his way forward, he silenced the hostile position, captured seven Germans, and marched them back to his own line. His aggressive daring and devotion to duty are in accord with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III -- SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

Staff Sergeant Albert L Rawcliffe, 32759579, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When his company was pinned down as it attacked enemy positions located in several houses, Sergeant Rawcliffe, accompanied by an officer, advanced toward one of the buildings despite withering fire from enemy automatic weapons, and after throwing hand grenades into the house, leaped through the window and assaulted the hostile machine gunners. His intrepid actions were responsible for silencing the enemy weapon, the capture of its crew, and enabled his unit to continue its advance. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Herbert L Reynerson, 38152553, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in * * * , Germany on 9 March 1945. During vicious house-to-house fighting which followed entry of his unit into the village of * * * , Sergeant Reynerson led his squad in an assault on a house from which an enemy machine gun was firing. He threw a smoke grenade through a window, but was killed by enemy fire as he dashed to the door of the house. Sergeant Reynerson's heroic self-sacrifice made possible the capture of this strongpoint and its defenders, who were forced out of the house by the smoke, and promptly surrendered. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Joseph Ruse, 32367183, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. While his battery was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Ruse, serving in a gun crew, voluntarily left a sheltered position to help man a howitzer when a fire mission was given. With total disregard for his personal safety and comfort, he continued his duties as cannoneer until he was killed by enemy artillery fire. His heroic devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the Army. Entered military service from New Jersey.

V -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of this command:

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Captain Frank G Rennis, 0406983, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland from 15 December 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Joseph H Friedel, 0311453, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 1 October 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant John L Kaufman, 01177862, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. When the area occupied by his battery was subjected to intense enemy shelling and communications were destroyed, Lieutenant Kaufman voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to relay fire commands. As the barrage continued, his gun crew was so reduced that he acted as a cannoneer to keep the gun in action, until he was wounded and evacuated. His leadership and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to those under his command and reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Ohio.

Chief Warrant Officer Harry A Dahlgren, W2111992, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany from 15 July 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Donald B Cassell, W2111998, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 24 February to 10 March 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Willie D Cox, 34504739 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When his squad had been pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, and a German antitank weapon had demolished an American tank, Sergeant Cox rushed across open ground to another American tank and designated the position of the enemy weapons to the tank commander, who neutralized them with the fire of his tank gun. This courageous and resourceful action permitted Sergeant Cox' unit to continue its advance, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Lynch Starr, 38592191, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 7 March 1945. When his platoon had become pinned down during an attack on an enemy held building, and its communications with the company command post were disrupted, Sergeant Starr, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved across open ground exposed to enemy fire, reached his company commander, informed him of the situation of his unit, and returned to his original position with a new radio. His brave actions enabled his unit to continue a successful attack. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul G Fried, 36400117, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 5 and 6 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Lothar Sudekum, 31057112, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Germany from 5 to 7 March 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Jack E Ferguson, 36520468, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Technician Fifth Grade Charles M Duly, 37199890, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 20 March 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Glenn Rentschler, 37180119, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Holland on 3 March 1945. While on a combined reconnaissance and screening mission near * * * , the Second Platoon, * * * Reconnaissance Troop, was delayed by many carefully placed enemy mines. Displaying great skill, courage and initiative, Corporal Rentschler, driving the point vehicle for the platoon, led the column of vehicles over more than ten miles of heavily mined roads, without loss of a single vehicle or injury to any personnel, enabling the unit to accomplish its mission with minimum delay. His aggressive determination reflects credit upon Corporal Rentschler's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Lewis R Bernard Jr, 36261867, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. When his battery was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, Private Bernard was serving in a gun crew, and voluntarily left the security of his shelter to help man a howitzer when a fire mission was given. With total disregard for his personal safety, he continued his duties as a cannoneer until the mission was completed even though he was wounded at his post during the shelling. Upon completion of the fire mission, he assisted in the evacuation of other soldiers who had been wounded by shell bursts. His heroic action materially aided in the completion of the fire mission and saved wounded comrades from further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Russell T Bisbee, 31347698, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 26 February 1945. When communications between a forward observer and a battery of mortar guns were destroyed, Private Bisbee voluntarily made three trips along the wire to repair the line and then finally took an SCR 300 radio forward in an effort to insure constant communication between the observation post and the guns, as enemy artillery and mortar fire was continually breaking the line. His courage in the face of enemy fire greatly contributed to the success of his unit. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joe S Garcia, 18117503, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. While his battery was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Garcia, serving in a gun crew, voluntarily left a sheltered position to help man a howitzer when a fire mission was given. With total disregard for his personal safety and comfort, he continued his duties as cannoneer until he was wounded and evacuated. His heroic devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Howard E Jones, 37221895, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Germany on 24 February 1945. While his battery was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Jones, serving in a gun crew, voluntarily left a sheltered position to help man a howitzer when a fire mission was given. With total disregard for his personal safety and comfort, he continued his duties as cannoneer until he was wounded and evacuated. His heroic devotion to duty is in accord with the traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Kansas.

VI -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

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Major Merle R Carroll, 0380135, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium from 11 September 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

VII -- AIR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Captain George W Cumming, 0391201, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, during the period 12 July 1944 to 5 March 1945. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Elliott T Devoe, 0464641, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 21 December 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

VIII -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant John L Venable, 01182986, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 5 December 1944 to 23 February 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Henry A Roseberry, 01173438, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 18 November 1944 to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Florida.

3. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Memorandum 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 8 September 1944, as amended, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a sixth bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Billie J Pemberton, 01999323, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany during the period 14 January to 9 March 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

IX -- MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 26 October 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units of this command for service during period indicated:

UNIT	DATE
Medical Detachment, 134th Infantry	15 July 1944 to 28 February 1945
Headquarters and Service Company, 60th Engineer Combat Battalion	10 July 1944 to 20 March 1945

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