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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Everett H. Buckley, 6 572 930, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 at Gamsheim, France. When his battalion was forced to withdraw to new defensive positions, Sergeant Buckley voluntarily organized a delaying force of seven men. Disregarding his personal safety, he moved into an exposed position in the face of intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire and fired rifle grenades directly into the advancing enemy. When the last elements of the battalion had safely withdrawn, Sergeant Buckley left his position, and then further risked his life to bring a wounded comrade to safety across the same dangerous terrain under withering fire. Sergeant Buckley's extreme courage and devotion to duty were important factors in the efficient withdrawal of his battalion with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Orland, California.

Morris Eisenstein, 36 709 953, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. When his Battalion's attacking column was pinned down during the drive against Dachau, Corporal Eisenstein, with utter disregard for the hail of enemy machine gun fire falling around him, mounted a jeep and attempted to put the vehicle's machine gun into action. After numerous attempts to fire the faulty weapon had failed, he made his way through the deadly enemy fire to the cab of an abandoned truck and opened fire on the enemy positions with the truck's anti-aircraft machine gun. When the supply of ammunition at the gun was exhausted, he exposed himself to the direct fire and climbed over the cab to the rear of the truck for a re-supply of ammunition. He then reloaded the machine gun and continued to lay down effective fire on the enemy emplacements. By his outstanding courage and aggressive actions, Corporal Eisenstein provided covering fire which enabled our troops to successfully flank the hostile positions, and capture 150 of the enemy, eliminating a strong obstacle from the Division's route of advance. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

John C. Hitchcock, 11 108 245, Private, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 April 1945 near Dockingen, Germany. When his platoon was surprised by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Hitchcock was wounded while acting as a lead scout. Despite his wound, he advanced on one machine gun position and destroyed it with grenades. Before seeking medical aid, he continued to attack until his company had secured their positions. Private Hitchcock's extreme courage under fire was instrumental in ensuring the rapid advance of his company. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Charles F. Lang, 31 449 060, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the attack on Schweinfurt, Private Lang volunteered to serve as a guard for prisoners taken from the embattled city. Pinned down by artillery and small arms fire numerous times, he followed the leading companies in the attack. While searching one of the prisoners, the enemy soldier attempted to throw a concealed hand grenade into a group of our men who were inspecting captured equipment nearby. Private Lang quickly seized the grenade from the prisoner's hand and hurled it in another direction where it exploded harmlessly. His promptness, initiative and gallantry in this emergency thereby saved several of his comrades from certain injury or death. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

VORDA B. MOORE, 02 006 320, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 February 1945, near Kulhulle France. When it had been determined that the enemy was making a withdrawal, Lieutenant Moore voluntarily led a combat patrol into enemy territory with the mission of gaining and maintaining contact with the enemy until ordered to withdraw. As the patrol approached the German main line of resistance, they became engaged in a deadly fire fight, and Lieutenant Moore, with utter disregard for the intense machine gun fire, moved from man to man to check their deployment and issue his orders. Going to the aid of two members of the patrol who were wounded, he stepped on a Shu mine and was himself seriously wounded. Despite the severity of his injury he remained with the patrol, and only after five of his eight men had become casualties did he direct a withdrawal to our lines. Through his gallant actions, Lieutenant Moore played a major role in the elimination of an entire platoon of the enemy. Entered military service from Nixon, Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):--... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

John W. Gault Jr., 11 120 261, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Althorn France. When the enemy counter-attacked with mortars and small arms fire near Althorn, causing Sergeant Gault's mortar squad to lose contact with the forward observer, Sergeant Gault left his position to investigate the situation and to reestablish communications. After moving to the front lines through heavy enemy fire, he secured information concerning the counter-attack, reestablished contact with his observer and returned to his squad. While giving the information to his gunners a shell exploded nearby mortally wounding him. His courage, initiative and self-sacrifice were in the best traditions of the Armed Forces. Nearest relative: Gertrude Gault (Mother), 105 West Street, Portland, Maine. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

Norman E. Lipschultz, 36 674 581, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. During the battle for Wurzburg, a pocket of enemy resistance halted the advance of the Second and Third Battalions. Private Lipschultz's Ranger squad advanced to overcome the resistance. When the Rangers opened fire, the enemy began a withdrawal which Private Lipschultz attempted to block although in doing so he was forced to expose himself to the enemy fire. He killed five of the retreating enemy with his rifle before receiving a fatal wound. As a result of Private Lipschultz's heroic sacrifice, the two battalions

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enabled to continue their advance into the city. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs Ruth Krasne (mother), 1646 South Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Fred W. Trankle, 39-616 648, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945 near Bouxwiller, France. During a combat patrol into enemy territory to capture prisoners a mine field held up the group. When three Germans came into view, Private Trankle volunteered to move forward and attempt to induce their surrender. Taking up a forward, exposed position, he attracted their attention and in German encouraged them to surrender. Just as he had apparently succeeded an enemy sentinel drove him off with rifle fire. Moments later, Private Trankle was mortally wounded while attempting to rejoin his patrol. His courage, initiative and gallant sacrifice were in the best traditions of the Armed Forces. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Martha Trankle, (Mother), 804 South 31st Street, Billings, Montana. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following:

Richard A. Kirk, 16-169 565, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945 near Drusenheim, France. During the enemy attack on Drusenheim one of our machine guns was silenced when the gunner was wounded by enemy fire. Private Kirk advanced across forty yards of open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to man the gun. Immediately putting it into action, he laid down such accurate fire that the enemy attack was repulsed. Private Kirk's prompt and courageous action enabled his platoon to withdraw to better defensive positions from which they were able to hold off the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

James L. Lett, 38-563 976, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, near Reipertweiler, France. Having been informed of two severely wounded men lying in an unexplored mined area, Corporal Lett made his way safely through the mines to the men and administered first aid. He then reconnoitered a safe return route and led his litter squad forward to evacuate the wounded men. Corporal Lett's prompt and heroic actions undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men, and his bravery and initiative prevented casualties among his own squad. Entered military service from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

John J. McKenna, 31-182 447, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 24 April 1945, near Buchdorf, Germany. While leading his troops in the attack on Buchdorf, the commander of Company E was killed by sniper fire. Private McKenna, thinking his company commander to be wounded, advanced through intense enemy fire to render first aid. Finding him dead, Private McKenna and another soldier carried the body approximately fifty yards to a nearby house, only then discovering that the maps and overlays of the attack were still in the open. He then unhesitatingly went back under continued enemy fire to secure the vital documents. Private McKenna's fearless and courageous action enabled the new company commander to lead his men in a successful accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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James T. Searcy, 37 228 314, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 23 April 1945, at Spaltz, Germany. During the attack on the village of Spaltz, the advance of the first platoon was held up by intense enemy machine gun fire from a well dug-in position. Without regard for his own safety Private Searcy moved forward with the other member of his bazooka team, completely exposing himself to direct fire in order to maneuver into position. Remaining in this exposed position, he fired his bazooka into the machine gun nest, completely destroying it. As a direct result of Private Searcy's courageous action, his platoon was able to advance into the town without further casualties. Entered military service from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Warren J. Sullivan, 36 186 740, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 in Wurzburg, Germany. During the attack on Wurzburg, the rifle company to which Private Sullivan was attached was receiving heavy machine gun and small arms fire from enemy concealed behind grave markers in a cemetery. When two infantrymen were seriously wounded by panzerfaust fire, he crawled over seventy-five yards under withering enemy fire to reach them. After treating one man who had lost his right arm, he moved to the second and after giving him first aid, remained at his side until the rifle troops had succeeded in routing the enemy. His courageous and selfless act saved the injured men from possible death. Entered military service from Byron Center, Michigan.

George E. Sutherland, 35 425 417, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945 near Sindorf, Germany. When two infantrymen advancing with his platoon were seriously wounded in a mine field, Sergeant Sutherland dismounted from his tank destroyer and went unhesitatingly to their assistance. Although the field was covered by machine gun and small arms fire and strewn with anti-personnel mines, he removed the men from danger and administered first aid. Sergeant Sutherland's extreme courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the two injured men. Entered military service from Williamson, West Virginia.

Charles O. Theisen, 12 227 325, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 January 1945, near Gambsheim, France. When his Battalion's position at Gambsheim became untenable and it was decided to withdraw to new defensive positions, Private Theisen voluntarily remained at the edge of town to cover the withdrawal. Exposed to intense machine gun and rifle fire, he continued to lay down a steady base of fire with his mortar until all elements of the Battalion had withdrawn out of range. Private Theisen's outstanding courage played a major role in the successful withdrawal of his Battalion with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Ray R. Vaughn, 34 882 302, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While Corporal Vaughn and his litter squad were following attacking elements in the Hardt Mountains, he noticed a seriously wounded man lying in the center of a mine field directly ahead. He led his litter squad through the heavily mined area to the casualty, who had fallen upon a second mine. Removing the man from the unexploded mine, he treated his wounds and directed the evacuation to the aid station, leading his squad through the mine field once again. Corporal Vaughn's outstanding courage and leadership saved the injured infantryman from possible death or further injury. Entered military service from Manfreesboro, Tennessee.

Wittrow G. Wessel, 39 834 546, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 at Arnstein, Germany. While advancing across an open field into Arnstein, Private Wessel was hit in the hip by enemy machine gun fire. When litter bearers came to his aid he refused them, directing them to several of his comrades nearby who were also seriously wounded. Despite the continued machine gun fire, he crawled back to obtain medical aid by himself, at the same time directing litter bearers to the other wounded men. Private Wessel's extreme courage and disregard for his own comfort played a major role in the evacuation of seven of his severely wounded comrades. Entered military service from Glen Beulay, Wisconsin.

James L. Wylie, 33 115 492, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945 at Euerbach, Germany. During an intense concentration of artillery fire on Euerbach, Corporal Wylie ran from his sheltered position through the heavy fire to a loaded ammunition truck which was parked nearby. Although the truck was near a burning building and was being perforated by shrapnel, he unhesitatingly drove it to a position far from his company's locality. Corporal Wylie's prompt and courageous action eliminated a dangerous hazard to the lives of his comrades. Entered military service from Houston, Pennsylvania.

Daniel M. Young, 34 163 963, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Sindorf, Germany. When two infantrymen advancing with his platoon were seriously wounded in a mine field, Private Young, a medical aid man, dismounted from his tank destroyer and went immediately to their assistance. Although the field was covered by machine gun fire and small arms fire and strewn with anti-personnel mines, he removed the men from danger and administered first aid. Private Young's extreme courage and unselfish devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men. Entered military service from McKenzie Alabama.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL :-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Michael L. Nutile, 31 312 870, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 5 September 1945 at Krimml, Austria. When a kitchen stove exploded showering one man with burning gasoline Private Nutile immediately knocked the man to the ground and covered him with a mattress to extinguish the flames. Then disregarding his own safety Private Nutile extinguished the burning stove. By his courage and determination Private Nutile saved a man's life and prevented the destruction of valuable government equipment. Entered military service from West Haven, Connecticut.

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