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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to:

WILLIAM J. CLARKE, JR., O1 043 896, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On the evening of 5 January 1945, Lieutenant Clarke displayed unusual valor and leadership when he utterly disregarded his personal safety in the face of terrific enemy automatic and mortar fire to install the weapons of his platoon in effective positions and to direct their fire to stem the enemy's attack on Stattmatten. While personally engaging the enemy, Lieutenant Clarke was hit by machine gun fire and died instantly, but his courageous leadership inspired the men of his platoon so as to contribute heavily to the successful repulse of the enemy. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Elizabeth A. Clarke (wife) 1646 Ogden Drive, Los Angeles, California. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ROBERT F. YELTON, O 561 154, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, while in command of his platoon which was attacking enemy positions, Lieutenant Yelton noticed that several men of his platoon were wounded by fire from enemy snipers. In order to enable his platoon sergeant to withdraw the wounded men to a position of safety, Lieutenant Yelton with utter disregard for his own safety exposed himself in order to draw the enemy fire from the wounded men. Although twice struck by enemy fire he continued to expose himself and to fire his own weapon so that the wounded men could be withdrawn until he was again struck and killed by enemy fire. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. James N. Yelton, (Father), 909 5th Street, LaPorte, Indiana. Entered military service from LaPorte, Indiana.

James L. Hays, 33 692 523, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, while acting as a member of a combat patrol which was pinned down by heavy small arms

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enemy fire most of which came from an automatic weapon to the front, Private Hays on his own initiative, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled forward to within ten yards from the weapon where he opened fire and silenced the enemy weapon enabling his patrol to advance and clear the sector. In so doing he gave away his position and was killed by enemy fire. Name and address of nearest relative - Annabelle Hays (wife), Borland Manor Coganburg, Pennsylvania. Entered military service from Dormont, Pennsylvania.

Richard D. White, 37 696 793, Private, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 5 January 1945, at Stettmatton, France, Private White accompanied Second Lieutenant Champion on a mission to blow up a bridge which was a direct approach to his company's position. Advancing under heavy fire and in full view of the enemy with utter disregard for his personal safety, Private White assisted Lieutenant Champion in setting the explosives in place. When the first attempt did not succeed in blowing up the bridge, Private White again went forward and under heavy enemy fire assisted Lieutenant Champion in replacing the explosives which blew up the bridge. Later that day Private White was mortally wounded while courageously fighting with his platoon to disperse an enemy assault on Stettmatton. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Lucille M. White, (wife), Main Street, Monticello, Iowa. Entered military service from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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

GEORGE A. CARROLL, O 378 793, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 7 January 1945, at Gambsheln, France, Lieutenant Carroll, while directing the attack of his company and other troops directed a number of tanks supporting the attack into positions from which their fire would be effective against enemy machine gun positions. To accomplish this it became necessary for him to ride on top of several tanks in the face of severe enemy fire. While so doing, he observed wounded men lying in the path of the tanks and directed them around the men. During this action, Lieutenant Carroll sustained a severe injury to his hand, in spite of which he remained in combat for two days. Later, while under fire, he rendered first aid to the wounded and dispatched litter bearers where needed. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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JOHN SALOPEK, O 553 721, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945 at Gambshien, France, Lieutenant Salopek with one other soldier went out to reconnoiter a route in the face of heavy enemy fire in order to make contact with an adjacent unit. When trapped by approximately seventy-five enemy soldiers, he attempted to make them surrender and ordered his companion to safety. Lieutenant Salopek has been reported as missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. David Salopek, Star Route, Box 19, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Entered military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

CHESTER J. KRAWCYKOWSKI, O1 297 213, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On the afternoon and night of 11 January 1945, Lieutenant Krawcykowski led a patrol of 11 men and himself on a mission through the enemy lines to determine the disposition and composition of the enemy in the battalion sector. A thick fog limited visibility to less than 50 yards so that at one time in order to ascertain his position it was necessary for Lieutenant Krawcykowski to call for one round of artillery fire at a given coordinate. The patrol penetrated enemy lines to a distance of nearly seven thousand yards, captured two enemy officers and a sergeant in a house, and encountering six more enemy soldiers, killed three and captured the remainder. As a result of the skillful and daring leadership of Lieutenant Krawcykowski, in spite of adverse terrain and weather conditions, the patrol successfully accomplished its mission, brought back valuable information regarding the enemy and accounted for nine enemy killed and captured. Entered military service from Somerville, New Jersey.

DALLAS B. HARTWELL, O 550 581, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945 when his platoon was caught by enemy fire without any cover Lieutenant Hartwell remained in an exposed position in order to direct the remainder of his platoon to the cover of a wall of a nearby building and from this exposed position directed counter-fire against the enemy. While so doing, Lieutenant Hartwell was wounded and removed to the vicinity of a railroad station but because of the presence of enemy artillery and infantry it became necessary for him to be left behind, and he has been missing in action. By his bravery, courage, and leadership his platoon was able to accomplish its mission. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Grace B. Hartwell (Mother), Wendell, Idaho. Entered military service from Wendell, Idaho.

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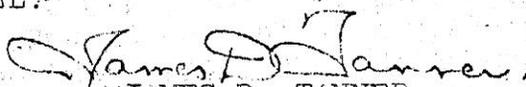
RICHARD A. BREAK, O 553 255, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry, for gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, Lieutenant Break led a small detachment three times in a courageous counter attack against overwhelming superior enemy forces that had established itself in a position endangering his company. Each time a superior hostile force surrounded his detachment and each time he successfully led them out of the encirclement. As a result of the example set by Lieutenant Break his company, although surrounded for hours with its left flank cut off, was inspired to remain steadfast in its position, preventing a major breakthrough by the enemy. Entered military service from Fort McArthur, California.

RUSSEL C. FIELDING, O 549 950, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945 the building occupied by Lieutenant Fielding and two men of his platoon was attacked by enemy troops of a Parachute Bicycle Battalion who were attempting to infiltrate behind Schweighausen. Lieutenant Fielding while directing defense of the building shot and killed the enemy company commander and two machine gun squads, each of which consisted of a non-commissioned officer and two men. During the engagement which lasted for three hours, Lieutenant Fielding received a wound in his back from a mortar fragment but continued the fight without heeding the wound, as a result of which ten prisoners were taken, fifteen Germans killed, including one officer, and five machine guns were captured. Entered military service from Streator, Illinois.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

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