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I. 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. JACKSON, O-551750, 2d Lieutenant, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiller, France, when an enemy machine gun blocked the forward movement of his company, inflicting several casualties, Lieutenant Jackson led a detachment of seven men around the enemy right flank to within 35 yards of the gun from where they assaulted the position. Although struck in the head by a bullet and despite difficulty in moving, he continued to lead the assault, shot one German, and, with his detachment, knocked out the enemy position, accounting for seven Germans and enabling his company to advance. Entered military service from Aztec, New Mexico.

Thomas Rodman, 6 396 159, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, near Uhlwiller, France, while in command of his machine gun section, Sergeant Rodman was seriously wounded about the face and arm by enemy machine gun fire. Finding that one of his squad leaders and one of his machine gunners were also wounded, Sergeant Rodman made his way to their gun and fired on the enemy until he lost consciousness from the effects of his wounds. Regaining consciousness a short while later, he again operated the machine gun, refusing to leave until his squad leader and machine gunner had first been evacuated. Entered military service from Ansby, Alabama.

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:

JARVIS O. BUTLER, O 556 409, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, near Kilstett, France, when the leading platoon of his company was pinned down by heavy machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Butler led his machine gun section across 300 yards of open terrain and into position from which it could support the 2d Platoon. Observing that the 1st platoon was still subjected to intensive enemy fire, Lieutenant Butler attempted to cross open terrain in the face of hostile fire in order to reconnoiter for new machine gun positions but in so doing was hit by sniper fire and killed. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. Ogbourne D. Butler (Father) - 202 Crabtree Avenue, Orange, Texas. Entered military service from Orange, Texas.

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Jerome K. Garvey, 57 548 019, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 7 January 1945, when enemy mortar fire destroyed communications to the OP preventing completion of mortar fire missions, Private Garvey left his position and under heavy enemy fire repaired the wire restoring communications. After returning to his position, he was killed by enemy mortar fire. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Nona Garvey (Mother) - 436 Rolland Street, Tracy, Minnesota. Entered military service from Tracy, 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 Medal is awarded to:

Dante Avignone, 42 114 319, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Kilstett, France, upon observing a wounded man lying in an exposed position, Private Avignone worked his way to the wounded soldier under intensive enemy fire and helped remove him to a place of safety. Entered military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

Ralph Cassel, 35 038 045, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 20 February 1945, near Kohlbutte, France, while leading a patrol, Private Cassel observed an enemy machine gun emplacement and CP. Taking two men, with the remaining five men in support, Private Cassel attacked the position. When a German suddenly opened fire with a machine pistol, Private Cassel killed him with his M-1. In spite of superior enemy fire power, the patrol, under Private Cassel's leadership, killed several more Germans, grenaded at close range and destroyed the machine gun emplacement, and withdrew without loss. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Leamon L. Croix, 37 531 497, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Haguenau, France, when the rocket launcher man was hit by enemy fire while attempting to carry it to a house in response to a request from his platoon leader, Private Croix ran under heavy fire to where the man was lying, took the rocket launcher, and, crawling through deep snow, delivered it to his platoon guide. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Jack A. Day, 37 634 052, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 20 January 1945, near Hunsbach, France, Private Day was driving his truck guiding an anti-tank gun into position when enemy artillery shells struck near his truck wounding a number of men and destroying the truck pulling the gun. Not knowing whether or not his vehicle would run, he walked one and one-half miles to report to his company commander. Returning to his vehicle, he drove his truck back to the rear and, after unloading it, returned to pull the anti-tank gun out of the shelled area and again returned under fire in order to assist in the destruction of the wrecked truck. Entered military service from Anamosa, Iowa.

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Ernest B. Devall, 54 970 877, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 342d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gumbshelm, France, Technician Devall was wounded in the hand and right arm by shell fragments while administering first aid to the wounded. In spite of his wounds, he continued to render first aid under heavy artillery and small arms fire, refusing to leave until all the wounded were treated and evacuated. Entered military service from Gulfport, Mississippi.

Kenneth M. Dickey, 35 892 454, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Gumbshelm, France, Private Dickey volunteered to return through territory covered by a heavy barrage of enemy fire to bring up tanks which were badly needed to support our attack. Since undertaking this mission, Private Dickey has been missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Ruby O. Dickey (Wife) - 2022 Ruckle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

LORIN K. JOHNSON, O 338 745, Major, Infantry, Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 20-21 January 1945, when his battalion was ordered to withdraw from its positions south of Hatton, France, Major Johnson was placed in command of the troops remaining as a covering force, which was the last unit to be removed from the sector. By his careful planning and timely actions he was able to break contact with the enemy and effect the withdrawal without loss of equipment and with a minimum loss of personnel. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Richard B. Jones, 33 450 925, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 7 January 1945, when Kilstott was being attacked by tanks and there were no available prime movers, Private Jones voluntarily hauled a 57mm anti-tank gun from La Wantzenau to Kilstott, France, driving without lights under harrassing enemy artillery and mortar fire along a road filled with moving French tanks, helped place the gun into position and, returning to La Wantzenau, brought another 57mm gun to Kilstott over the same road. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

Vernon C. Koil, 19 154 511, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night of 7 January 1945, when Kilstott was being attacked by tanks and there were no available prime movers, Private Koil voluntarily hauled a 57mm anti-tank gun from La Wantzenau to Kilstott, France, driving without lights under harrassing enemy artillery and mortar fire along a road filled with moving French tanks, helped place the gun into position and, returning to La Wantzenau, brought another 57mm gun to Kilstott over the same road. Entered military service from Riverside, California.

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Thaddeus T. Lewandowski, 32 509 779, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 2nd Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gembshain, France, although suffering from shrapnel wounds in his left leg, Technician Lewandowski carried several wounded men under intense artillery fire to places of safety. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

NEAL LEVSNOS, O 288 958, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 242d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. During the period 25-24 January 1945, when his battalion was under attack while holding a wide sector along the Moder River south east of Haguenau, France, Colonel Levsnos directed his battalion in a series of counter-attacks and patrols driving the enemy back with heavy losses and preventing him from reaching his objective. Entered military service from North Dakota.

HENRY L. LUONGO, O-16683, Colonel, Infantry, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. During the period from 6 January thru 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Soultz and Haguenau, France, Colonel Luongo personally organized and closely supervised a well conceived patrolling plan within his regiment which successfully frustrated numerous enemy attempts to probe our lines. By repeated personal inspections of front line organizations and installations, he made adjustments and so disposed his troops as to insure maximum use of all terrain features. He so coordinated the fires of his regiment and supporting troops as to build up a superior defensive positions and prevented an enemy breakthrough. Entered military service from Maryland.

William W. Lynch, 35 159 652, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 and 6 January 1945, at Kilstott, France, Sergeant Lynch established an Observation Post in a building which was under enemy mortar and artillery fire in order to direct accurate and effective mortar fire on enemy positions, remaining in the building until after it had received several direct hits from enemy fire. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

CARL L. MILLER, O 389 485, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gembshain, France, Lieutenant Miller assisted Captain Starr W. Jones in leading a reinforced platoon of his company in a night attack against a superior enemy force, over a marshy and wooded terrain traversed by many streams and canals. Aided by his leadership the platoon captured an enemy pillbox, put an enemy machine gun and mortar position out of action, inflicted several casualties, captured nine prisoners, and drove the enemy from the sector. Entered military service from Ashland, Kentucky.

WILLIAM G. MITSCH, O1 288 276, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. During the engagement between Kilstott and Gembshain, France, from 5 to 7 January 1945, Captain Mitsch repeatedly led his company in the attack on the town under intense enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Upon being ordered to withdraw to prevent being cut off from other forces, Captain Mitsch led his men back through a heavy artillery barrage to the new position. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Harry D. Pratt, 35 557 101, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Gombsheim, France, Sergeant Pratt volunteered to return through territory covered by a heavy barrage of enemy fire to bring up tanks which were badly needed to support our attack. Since undertaking this mission, Sergeant Pratt has been missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Patricia M. Pratt (Wife) - 1126 Colton Street, Toledo, Ohio. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Natividad R. Ranjel, 38 061 319, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, at Koonigsbruck, France, when the combat patrol of which he was a member was forced to withdraw by a superior enemy force, Private Ranjel moved forward under heavy enemy fire and covered the withdrawal of the patrol until he was wounded, enabling the patrol to reorganize. He was later reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Isabel M. Ranjel (Wife) - 427 Coko Street, Corpus Christi, Texas. Entered military service from McCoy, Texas.

NORMAN G. REYNOLDS, O 339 156, Major, Infantry, 242d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, while his battalion was moving north to Rittershoffen, France, Major Reynolds received orders to face his battalion about and proceed to the attack in the vicinity of Gombsheim. With only the briefest preparation, he led his battalion into the attack through intensive artillery and small arms fire and, despite heavy casualties inflicted by enemy tanks at close range, stopped the German attack. Entered military service from Griswold, Oregon.

Alton F. Roberts, 35 832 097, Private, Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 21 January 1945, near Kaltonhouse, France, when the patrol of which Private Roberts was a member was forced to withdraw by enemy fire, several members of the patrol attempted to swim the Meur River to return to our lines. Upon observing that one of the men, weakened from exposure, was unable to swim, Private Roberts jumped into the river under enemy fire and assisted the man to safety, saving him from drowning. Entered military service from Harrisville, Kentucky.

JOHN T. SMITHSON, O-549971, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gombsheim, France, when his company was pinned down by intensive machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire during an attack upon the enemy, Lieutenant Smithson rallied his platoon and laid down a covering fire which permitted the advance to be continued. When enemy small arms fire caused many casualties among his men, Lieutenant Smithson succeeded in having two seriously wounded men moved out of the zone of fire. After his company had gained its objective, he was found to be missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. A. T. Smithson (Father) - 296 Lionel Road, Riverside, Illinois. Entered military service from Riverside, Illinois.

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Charles A. Stratton, 56 604 583, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France, when both telephone and radio communications between the battalion CP and one of the companies were disrupted, Technician Stratton voluntarily set out under heavy artillery and mortar fire in a 1/2 ton vehicle with a radio for one of the companies. After traversing part of his route, in order to minimize enemy observation he left his vehicle and set out on foot through dense woods and in deep snow under enemy machine gun and small arms fire and at times under artillery and mortar concentrations, and delivered the radio to the company CP restoring communications. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Francis L. Tence, 17 034 713, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, at Kilstott, France, when another soldier was wounded in the abdomen by enemy shrapnel from which he was bleeding severely, Private Tence went to the aid of the wounded man in the face of intense enemy small arms fire; and after treating the wound, dragged him to a position from which he could be evacuated. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Frederick L. Vonglarcik, 35 316 550, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 5 January 1945, at Gamsheim, France, Private Vonglarcik, volunteered to return through territory covered by a heavy barrage of enemy fire to bring up tanks which were badly needed to support our attack. Since undertaking this mission, Private Vonglarcik has been missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Joseph Vonglarcik (Father) - 15 Prospect Street, Struthers, Ohio. Entered military service from Mahoning Struthers, Ohio.

Dominic F. Visco, 34 792 222, Private, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 8 and 9 January 1945, at Ingelshelm, France, Private Visco repeatedly administered first aid to the wounded in the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Entered military service from Winter Haven, Florida.

DENNIS J. WARDOLL, O 925 788, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. During the period 5 January to 21 January 1945, Lieutenant Wardoll led approximately eighteen patrols varying from five-man reconnaissance patrols to thirty-man combat patrols. Although they frequently worked behind enemy lines in sleet and snow, obtained valuable information, and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy, they were able to accomplish their missions with only two men sustaining slight wounds. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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