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Award of the Silver Star I
Award of the Bronz Star Medal II

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:

Kenneth C. Dahlstrom, 39 326 883, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurtzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Corporal Dahlstrom participated in numerous crossings of the Main River prior to the attack on Wurzburg under intense artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire. When crossings were temporarily halted due to the increased intensity of the fire and the mounting casualties, Corporal Dahlstrom unhesitatingly volunteered to carry the vitally needed supplies and men across the river. By his indomitable courage and exceptionally selfless devotion to duty, he was instrumental in establishing the bridgehead and in the eventual capture of the city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Charles J. Detoy, 19 153 690, Corporal, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 near Mulbach, Germany. While on a patrol behind enemy lines, the reconnaissance platoon in which Corporal Detoy was a squad leader came under intense fire which wounded two of his comrades. Corporal Detoy located the position of the two soldiers, and although he was wounded himself and exposed to full view of the enemy, he advanced with the platoon leader in the face of the heavy fire to move the two men to cover. Corporal Detoy's indomitable courage and gallantry saved the lives of his two comrades. Entered military service from Claremont, California.

Sol Goldstein, 42 146 770, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945, near Furth, Germany. During the advance of our forces on Furth, an enemy panzerfaust knocked out one of our tank destroyers, killing three men and seriously wounding six in and around the tank. Under an intense hail of enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Goldstein ran to the aid of the men. After treating the wounded and helping them to safety, he advanced through the heavy fire to a nearby patch of woods from which the panzerfaust had been fired. With his rifle he killed the panzerfaust man and six accompanying riflemen. Private Goldstein's indomitable courage in the face of superior odds was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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LEONARD D. MORGAN, O2 025 556, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Armored Force, Company C, 756th Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Mannheim, Germany. During the attack on Mannheim, Germany, Sergeant Morgan's tank was hit by an enemy bazooka round, wounding eight infantrymen and causing his crew to abandon the tank and take cover. After two aid men had been hit by snipers, Sergeant Morgan went to the wounded men and administered first aid although small arms, mortar, and artillery fire was hitting all around him. He then hastily inspected his tank and finding that it was only slightly disabled, loaded the wounded soldiers on the vehicle and evacuated them. Sergeant Morgan's indomitable courage and unswerving determination saved the seriously injured men from further injury or death. Entered military service from Chewelah, Washington.

Edward B. Mulcahy, LI 071 160, Staff Sergeant, Infantry Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945, near Etteleben, Germany. Although seriously wounded in the chest by enemy flak fire while leading a combat patrol near Etteleben, Germany, Sergeant Mulcahy ordered his men to cover and organized them for a fire fight with the enemy. In the fierce fighting that followed, Sergeant Mulcahy was injured again, but succeeded in killing three of the enemy. In spite of seven wounds, he again organized his men and led them in a flanking maneuver that destroyed the enemy position and captured four of the remaining Germans. Through his gallant actions, Sergeant Mulcahy eliminated a strong enemy outpost from his company's route of advance. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Michael Pugachow, 33 699 270, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Corporal Pugachow participated in numerous crossings of the Main River, carrying infantrymen and supplies across to the bridgehead at Wurzburg, Germany, and returning with prisoners and wounded. On his fourth crossing he was seriously wounded by the intense machine gun fire directed at his boat. Despite his injury and the continuously increasing fire, he continued to control the boat and assisted in paddling in order to speed the boat across the river. Corporal Pugachow's indomitable courage and gallantry in disregarding his personal safety after being wounded enabled the remainder of the crew to continue and transport the critically needed reinforcements to the growing bridgehead. Entered military service from Warrendale, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. STEFFER, O2 006 219, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Learning that three men of a reconnaissance patrol had been wounded in a mine field in the vicinity of Reipertswiller, and that one of the men could not be found, Lieutenant Steffer determined to locate the missing man. He entered the mine field alone, worked in total darkness with the constant threat from enemy machine gun positions only 100 yards away, and succeeded in locating the wounded man. Administering first aid, he then carried the soldier to the Battalion Aid Station for further treatment. Lieutenant Steffer's gallant courage and heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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II. 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 the following:

Roy A. Adams, 18 008 673, Corporal, Infantry Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 at Furth, Germany. Corporal Adams was a member of a wire team that was assigned the Regnitz River at Furth, Germany. As he moved forward, he was subjected to intense small arms and artillery fire coming from a concealed enemy. In the face of the heavy fire, he continued to move forward and spliced the wire line wherever the artillery severed it in order that the assault company would have continuous communication with the Battalion Command Post. Through his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Corporal Adams made an effective contribution to the successful attack. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

George Bass, 32 207 980, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France. During the enemy attack on Sessenheim, forward elements were running critically short of mortar and machine gun ammunition. Private Bass voluntarily drove his jeep and trailer loaded with ammunition over a road exposed to enemy fire up to the besieged elements. Artillery, mortar, and small arms fire became so intense that his vehicle was virtually riddled with shrapnel holes, but he remained with his jeep and succeeded in bringing the urgently needed ammunition to the machine gun and mortar positions. Private Bass's outstanding courage and determination contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector against determined enemy attacks. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

Herman J. Bergeth, 37 575 738, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 January 1945 at Neuberg, France. When five enemy soldiers were reported to have occupied a nearby building, Private Bergeth, taking one man to cover him, volunteered to attempt their capture. Approaching the building, two enemy soldiers were seen running from the rear door. He opened fire and one of the Germans fell, the other stopped and indicated that he wanted to surrender. Private Bergeth shouted to the prisoner to return to the building for the remaining soldiers. When the Germans failed to come out of the building, he opened fire and 58 German soldiers filed out of the building along with one American captive. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Bergeth captured a strong enemy outpost. Entered military service from Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Ernest J. Bossard, 37 574 284, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. Early on the morning of 5 April 1945, Sergeant Bossard and his light machine gun section were placed on the alert in preparation for an enemy counter-attack. When the attack started, he exposed himself to intense machine gun, rifle, and automatic weapons fire to direct the fire of his section and keep them supplied with ammunition, making one trip through the intense enemy fire to the supply point for vitally needed ammunition. By his outstanding courage and leadership, Sergeant Bossard's section was able to completely halt the determined counter-attack, while inflicting a large number of casualties. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota

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Fred W. Bossinger, 33 938 307, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the attack on Wurzburg, Private Bossinger and two comrades were trapped in a house by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from a neighboring building. Two enemy bazooka rounds entered the house, killing one of his comrades and wounding the other. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Bossinger exposed himself to the hostile fire, and with two rifle grenades, knocked out the enemy machine gun. He then further exposed himself to direct the fire of his platoon on the bazooka position. Private Bossinger's extremely courageous action under fire played a major role in the capture of the town. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pa.

Andrew Cladas, 32 481 356, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. When our casualties mounted during a determined enemy counter-attack at Wurzburg, Sergeant Cladas unhesitatingly advanced through the intense enemy fire to the first wounded man and administered first aid. Unable to move him to a safe position, he remained with the soldier until help came. Three times more during the fierce fighting, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, he went to the aid of wounded men. Sergeant Cladas' fearless actions under fire and his expert first aid treatments undoubtedly saved the lives of several of the injured soldiers. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

Harold M. Cohn, 33 746 365, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Cohn participated in seven round trip crossings of the Main River during the fierce attack on Wurzburg under intense machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. His indomitable courage in the face of the constantly increasing enemy fire, volunteering for each succeeding trip contributed immeasurably to the establishment of the bridgehead and the ultimate fall of the city to our constantly advancing forces. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

John D. Cubbit, 34 231 241, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. As our troops were bitterly fighting their way through the streets of Wurzburg, they were fired on by a concealed enemy panzer faust grenadier. Private Cubbit quickly located the enemy position and, with utter disregard for personal safety, advanced through the line of fire to within a few yards of the enemy. Remaining calm under the intense fire, he threw a hand grenade into the emplacement, killing all of the enemy personnel. Private Cubbit's outstanding courage and aggressiveness contributed materially to the continued advance of our forces. Entered military service from Columbia, Louisiana.

Richard R. Francis, 33 930 551, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the action at Schweinfurt, Private Francis was with his squad on a mission to take an enemy barracks which was known to contain a captured American officer. When his squad was held up by sniper fire, he exposed himself to this fire, located and killed two of the enemy, and proceeded on toward the barracks under intense machine gun and small arms fire. He then set up his automatic rifle about twenty yards from the building and poured a steady stream of fire into it, enabling his squad to assault the building. Private Francis' courageous action played a major role in the liberation of the American officer and the capture of seventy prisoners. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Paul J. Fuszner, 37 622 899, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945 at Oberschlettenbach, Germany. Upon entering the town of Oberschlettenbach to establish a forward Command Post, it was learned that our forces had not yet occupied the town. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Fuszner entered one of the buildings armed only with a .45 caliber pistol and emerged a few minutes later with six prisoners. Corporal Fuszner's outstanding courage and aggressiveness played a major role in clearing the town for the Command Post personnel. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

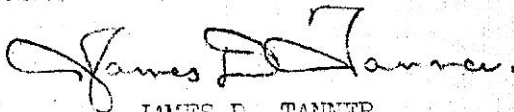
Filberto G. Galvan, 38 680 377, Private, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the advance on Schweinfurt, Private Galvan, first scout for his rifle squad, crawled alone under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to within a few yards of a barracks where he killed three Germans with his rifle, then discovered that the enemy was holding an American officer prisoner inside. From his vantage point he next directed the fire of the remainder of his squad on the enemy positions around the building. Private Galvan's alertness and courage under fire contributed materially to the release of the American officer and the capture of eighty of the enemy. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

James C. Gentry, 44 040 670, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 4 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When Private Gentry's mortar squad had almost exhausted their ammunition supply during the action at Wurzburg, he voluntarily left his position of cover to carry ammunition to the forward gun positions. His route exposed him to heavy small arms fire from close range. Despite his personal danger, Private Gentry courageously continued to supply the guns with ammunition, enabling them to place a heavy volume of accurate fire on the enemy installations. Entered military service from Franklin, Tennessee.

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