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

James N. Visser, 42 141 413, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1945 at Haguenau, France. During a severe attack by troops of the German 10th SS Division on his company's positions, Private Visser was in an exposed position as a machine gunner under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Although enemy troops infiltrated to the rear of his position and opened fire on him, Private Visser persisted in maintaining fire on the main enemy force. With the full knowledge that he was attracting intense enemy fire of all types and that he was becoming more and more a special target for the enemy, Private Visser continued firing until he was mortally wounded by grenades thrown by the enemy in his rear. His gallantry was a major factor in repulsing the enemy assault and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs Avis K. Visser, (Mother), RFD #3, Greenwich, New York. Entered military service from Greenwich, New York. 41

II. 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:

Clarence M. Stamey, 34 968 609, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 9 March 1945, near Wingen, France. When the patrol of which he was a member encountered a system of enemy connecting trenches, gun emplacements and wire entanglements, Private Stamey delivered a hail of automatic rifle fire which put two of the hostile enemy machine gun positions out of action. When the patrol was ordered to withdraw because of heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Through his outstanding courage, aggressiveness and professional skill, Private Stamey played a major role in the success of the patrol which counted twelve enemy dead, captured six prisoners and gained invaluable information for future operations. Entered military service from Guilford County, North Carolina.

III. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER STAR:...By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to:

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DONALD E. DOWNARD, O 337 997, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 25 April 1945, near Donauworth, Germany. In the attack on Donauworth, Colonel Downard was commanding a group of armored and infantry forces known as Task Force Downard. When the task force met heavy resistance, he mounted his infantry on the tanks and flanked the enemy by entering the town from the east. In this maneuver, Colonel Downard, disregarding his own safety, rode on the outside of the leading tank in order to control the attack and observe the tactics of the enemy. Through his outstanding courage and professional skill, Colonel Downard played a major role in the destruction of the enemy forces, the capture of the town and the subsequent crossing of the Danube River. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

IV. 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:

William J. Citrowske, 37 771 602, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945 near Scheelruth, Germany. When his light machine gun squad was engaged in the attack on a heavily defended enemy position at Scheelruth, Private Citrowske continually exposed himself to heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire while bringing ammunition to the weapon. Despite the heavy fire directed against him he persisted in his duty until he was mortally wounded after having made several trips between the ammunition supply point and the gun position. His heroic performance of duty kept the weapon in action and thus played a vital role in the capture of the village. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. W. J. Citrowske, (Wife), Canby, Minnesota. Entered military service from Canby, Minnesota.

Howard Horne, 44 012 240, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Scheelruth, Germany. When his light machine gun squad was engaged in the attack on heavily defended enemy positions at Scheelruth, Private Horne continually exposed himself to heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire while bringing ammunition to the weapon. Despite the heavy fire directed against him he persisted in his duty until he was mortally wounded after having made several trips between the ammunition supply point and the gun position. His heroic performance of duty kept the weapon in action and thus played a vital role in the capture of the village. Name and address of nearest relative: Susan Horne, (Mother), Route 1, Box 190, Richland, North Carolina. Entered military service from Richland, North Carolina.

Randolph B. McDavid, 34 842 555, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. Sergeant McDavid, in command of a light machine-gun squad, became a casualty while observing the fire of his own gun. However the gun position chosen by him was so effective that a rifle platoon was able to advance under the fire of his gun and clear out a nest of snipers. By his courage and self-sacrifice he made possible the avoidance of heavy future casualties. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Virginia McDavid, (Mother), Route 3, Pelger, South Carolina. Entered military service from Simpson, South Carolina.

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V. 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:

J. R. Ayers, 36 677 262, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 10 April 1945, near Eurbach, Germany. As a member of a wire crew laying a line from Obbach to Eurbach, Private Ayers came under heavy enemy panzerfaust and machine gun fire resulting in the destruction of the jeep in which he was riding. With two of his comrades seriously wounded, Private Ayers rendered immediate first aid, then set out under artillery and mortar fire to bring back a litter party. Although wounded by shell fragments he continued on until he secured help for his wounded comrades. Private Ayers' complete disregard for his own safety resulted in saving the life of the injured men. Entered military service from Fairfield, Illinois.

Robert G. Heliczer, 31 461 704, Sergeant, Interrogation Prisoner of War Team Number 168, 232d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action, on 20 April 1945, near Furth, Germany. When fired upon by enemy snipers and machine gunners during the attack on Nurnberg, three passengers in Sergeant Heliczer's jeep were seriously wounded. Refusing to take cover from the enemy fire, Sergeant Heliczer continued to expose himself while applying first aid to the wounded men. He then summoned a tank to draw up and provide covering fire while he assisted in evacuating the wounded. Sergeant Heliczer's courageous action saved three of his comrades from possible death. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Max M. Mrotek, 36 981 864, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, near Runtzenheim, France. When a holding force of which he was a member was ordered to withdraw, Private Mrotek remained behind to load the force's equipment into a jeep. Although the town was subjected to intense artillery concentrations, he continued on his mission, successfully securing the equipment. After rejoining his group, artillery fire caused two casualties among them. Private Mrotek, disregarding his own safety, carried one of the wounded men to a shelter and applied first aid. By his courage and devotion to duty Private Mrotek was largely responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from Manitowac, Wisconsin.

Byron G. Munger, 37 772 349, Private First Class, Infantry, Rainbow Rangers 4H  
1st Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in Melch, France. As assistant squad leader in a reconnaissance patrol in search of enemy troops, Private Munger entered Melch to find it occupied by over a hundred Germans fully equipped with weapons and ammunition. Effecting complete surprise, the patrol captured the entire garrison and established a perimeter defense, enabling the battalion to move through the town without opposition. By his courage and aggressiveness, Private Munger effectively contributed to the advance of his Battalion. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Leonard C. Smoke, 39 212 493, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 25 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. During the attack of our forces on the town of Schweighausen, Sergeant Smoke volunteered to set up an advance dressing station in the town. Carrying blood plasma and other medical supplies he went forward under intense machine gun and sniper fire and established his station less

than fifty yards from the enemy positions. Sergeant Smoke's courageous action enabled many wounded men to be promptly treated and evacuated. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

b. 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 for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy:

Clifton H. Allen, 36 257 723, Corporal, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Marshfield, Wisconsin.

John W. Baker, 35 736 989, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Cedar Crest, Kentucky.

Shael Dewoskin, 37 082 672, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 392d Field Artillery Battalion, 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

Salvatore Grasso, 31 028 826, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

Billy T. Heard, 38 505 173, Private First Class, Infantry, Company "C", 232d Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Tommy D. Heelan, 37 482 408, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "D", 232d Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Valentine, Nebraska.

Elmer Horsky, 35 235 623, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Steubenville, Ohio.

Victor J. Murauskos, 32 402 250, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Frank A. Peltier, 31 351 688, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 232d Infantry Regiment, 8 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Greenville, Maine.

James H. Strickland, 34 265 988, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ashland, Pennsylvania.

Joseph B. Zajack, 33 430 317, Sergeant, Infantry, Company "K", 232d Infantry Regiment, 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

c. 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 for meritorious service against the enemy:

Martin Baldesari, 33 160 904, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "B", 431st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carapopolis, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. BARRETT, 024 448, Major, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 19 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Reno, Nevada.

Thomas E. Boyle, 32 278 350, Private First Class, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "D", 431st Antiaircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, from 12 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, O1 177 316, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 26 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Vernard W. Clayton, 33 238 642, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 28 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

PAUL N. GALLACHEF, O 544 360, 2d Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Charles H. George, 13 129 891, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Company "A", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. Entered military service from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

DONALD E. GORDON, O1 824 454, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Company "C", 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 16 December 1944 to 30 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Monterey, California.

NEWTON HESTON, JR., O 454 522, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 28 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Crafton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT W. HYDE, O 532 282, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

Paul K. Kryjak, 33 144 437, Sergeant, Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "D", 431st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, from 11 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

MELVIN C. NEMMER, W2 126 699, Chief Warrant Officer, AUS, Service Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

WILLIARD W. NETTLETON, O1 045 200, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Billings, Montana.

ERWIN R. SCHMIDT JR., O 522 362, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

WHEATON V. SIMIS, O1 176 508, 1st Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 March 1945 to 22 March 1945 and 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Flushing, Long Island, New York.

HENRY P. WEBER, O1 821 794, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 29 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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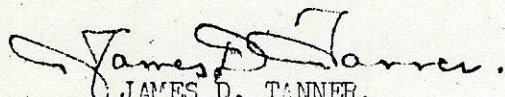
VI. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:...By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action against the enemy:

JACK V. EDLING, O 407 237, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Morrhead, Minnesota.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

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Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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