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19 March 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)-----I  
Award of Silver Star-----II  
Award of the Bronze Star Medal-----III

I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to:

Wayne H. Scott, 16 174 551, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gamb-sheim, France, Private Scott and three other men were acting as machine gunners with elements of three companies which were attacking across an open field when they encountered strong enemy positions consisting of well prepared pillboxes, fortified houses, machine gun nests, mortars, and tanks. Caught in a terrific cross fire from machine guns and small arms and subjected to heavy bombardment from enemy artillery and mortars, with enemy forces attacking from the front and on both flanks, the troops were ordered to withdraw and form a new line. Disregarding the order to withdraw, Private Scott and the other three men placed their two light machine guns into position, and, in the face of direct machine gun and 88mm fire from German tanks, delivered effective fire on the enemy, forcing them to stop and take cover, and successfully covering the withdrawal without the loss of a single man. He was later killed in action against the enemy. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Elsie D. Rathman (Mother) - 3447 N. Kildare Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II--AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Glenn L. Martin, Jr., 35 066 954, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gamb-sheim, France, Private Martin and three other men were acting as machine gunners with elements of three companies which were attacking across an open field when they encountered strong enemy positions consisting of well prepared pillboxes, fortified houses, machine gun nests, mortars, and tanks. Caught in a terrific cross fire from machine guns and small arms and subjected to heavy bombardment from enemy artillery and mortars, with enemy forces attacking from the front and on both flanks, the troops were ordered to withdraw and form a new line. Disregarding the order to withdraw, Private Martin and the other three men placed their two light machine guns into position, and, in the face of direct machine gun and 88mm fire from German tanks, delivered effective fire on the enemy, forcing them to stop and take cover, and successfully covering the withdrawal without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from Ashland, Ohio.

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✓ Thomas B. O'Neill, 59 138 105, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gambshoin, France, Sergeant O'Neill and three other men were acting as machine gunners with elements of three companies which were attacking across an open field when they encountered strong enemy positions consisting of well prepared pillboxes, fortified houses, machine gun nests, mortars, and tanks. Caught in a terrific cross fire from machine guns and small arms and subjected to heavy bombardment from enemy artillery and mortars, with enemy forces attacking from the front and on both flanks, the troops were ordered to withdraw and form a new line. Disregarding the order to withdraw, Sergeant O'Neill and the other three men placed their two light machine guns into position, and, in the face of direct machine gun and 88mm fire from German tanks, delivered effective fire on the enemy, forcing them to stop and take cover, and successfully covering the withdrawal without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

✓ Jacob M. Shenefield, 59 709 725, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, at Gambshoin, France, Sergeant Shenefield and three other men were acting as machine gunners with elements of three companies which were attacking across an open field when they encountered strong enemy positions consisting of well prepared pillboxes, fortified houses, machine gun nests, mortars, and tanks. Caught in a terrific cross fire from machine guns and small arms and subjected to heavy bombardment from enemy artillery and mortars, with enemy forces attacking from the front and on both flanks, the troops were ordered to withdraw and form a new line. Disregarding the order to withdraw, Sergeant Shenefield and the other three men placed their two light machine guns into position, and, in the face of direct machine gun and 88mm fire from German tanks, delivered effective fire on the enemy, forcing them to stop and take cover, and successfully covering the withdrawal without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

III.--AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Martin L. Beck, Jr., 34 818 275, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 14 January 1945, near Ingolsheim, France, Private Beck was a member of a combat patrol whose mission was to penetrate enemy lines and to knock out an enemy 75mm gun. After cutting enemy communications, and while advancing toward an enemy pillbox, the patrol was subjected to intense machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire, necessitating its withdrawal. In order to enable the rest of the patrol to return to our lines, Private Beck with five other men remained and covered the withdrawal and as a result was reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Eva B. Beck (Mother) 447 Wright Mill Road, Auburn, Alabama. Entered military service from Opelika, Alabama.

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Harry A. Beckman, 52 738 710, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 6 January 1945, near Gambshain, France, when the platoon to which he was attached as company aid man was pinned down by enemy machine gun and small arms fire which wounded one of the members of the platoon, Private Beckman unhesitatingly went forward through the enemy fire and treated the wounded man. Entered military service from Catteragus, New York.

THEODORE H. BERGERON, 01 513 955, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. From 5 to 7 January 1945, near Kilstett and Weyersheim, France, Lieutenant Bergeron, Regimental Communications Officer, supervised the laying and repairing of wire lines in order to maintain contact on a wide front in which control was exceedingly difficult. Working tirelessly day and night for almost seventy-two hours in extreme cold, under enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he contributed largely to the maintenance of contact vital to the successful containing of the enemy bridgehead south and west of Gambshain. Entered military service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Michael F. Caligiuri, 35 245 448, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On the night 24-25 January 1945, at Kaltenhouse, France, when communications between his company command post and the 1st platoon were disrupted, Private Caligiuri made five round trips through heavy enemy artillery fire carrying important messages between the platoon and company command posts and maintaining vital communications. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

OLIN S. FRANKLIN, W2 119 431, Warrant Officer (Junior Grade), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in action. From 5 to 7 January 1945, near Kilstett and Weyersheim, France, Warrant Officer Franklin, Assistant Regimental Communications Officer, supervised the laying and repairing of wire lines in order to maintain contact on a wide front in which control was exceedingly difficult. Working tirelessly day and night for almost seventy-two hours in extreme cold, under enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he contributed largely to the maintenance of contact vital to the successful containing of the enemy bridgehead south and west of Gambshain. Entered military service from Lubbock, Texas.

Ray A. Friend, 16 177 002, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 20 February 1945, near Kohlbutte, France, during the fire fight that developed when the combat patrol of which he was a member attacked an enemy machine gun emplacement and an observation post, Private Friend killed two of the enemy who were guarding the positions. Volunteering to attempt to destroy the machine gun which still remained intact, Private Friend crawled forward under covering fire to the emplacement and, throwing hand grenades into it, destroyed the position and killed the two members of the crew. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan.

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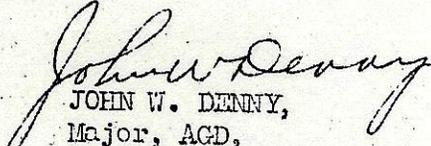
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Walter E. Hynes, 35 832 968, Private, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action. On 14 January 1945, near Ingolshoim, France, Private Hynes was a member of a combat patrol whose mission was to penetrate enemy lines and to knock out an enemy 75mm gun. After cutting enemy communications, and while advancing toward an enemy pillbox, the patrol was subjected to intense machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire, necessitating its withdrawal. In order to enable the rest of the patrol to return to our lines, Private Hynes with five other men remained and covered the withdrawal and as a result was reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Opal P. Hynes (Wife) - 1318 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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