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42D INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)

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Revocations-----I
Award of Silver Star-----II

I. REVOCATIONS:--...So much of Section I, General Orders Number 5, this headquarters, 24 February 1945, awarding the Silver Star to ROBERT E. CHAMPION, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, and Weldon C. Randall, SS 555 650, Sergeant, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

So much of Section I, General Orders 6, this headquarters, 25 February 1945, awarding the Silver Star to Michael C. Fastner, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 242d Infantry Regiment, is hereby revoked.

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:

ROBERT E. CHAMPION, O1 326, 380, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 5 January 1945, at Stattenatten, France, Lieutenant Champion was ordered by his company commander to blow up a bridge which was a direct approach to his company's positions. Advancing under heavy fire and in full view of the enemy with utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Champion set the explosives in place. When the first attempt did not succeed in blowing up the bridge, Lieutenant Champion again went forward under heavy enemy fire, replaced the explosives, and blew up the bridge. Lieutenant Champion also displayed great courage and leadership in directing the fire of his platoon in the face of extremely heavy enemy automatic and mortar fire. He was later reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mrs. Lois A. Champion (Wife), 3320 V. Torrey Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Weldon C. Randall, SS 555 650, Sergeant, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On the night of 5 January 1945, at Stattenatten, France, with an enemy force approximately a platoon attacking only 75 yards away and having available only the tube of a 60mm mortar, Sergeant Randall placed the tube of the mortar between his legs and fired about 20 rounds from this position. His action in so doing was largely instrumental in dispersing the enemy attack. He was later reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. Ottie Randall (Father), Box 108, Rosewood, Dickinson, Texas. Entered military service from Lockhart, Texas.

Michael C. Fastner, 6 933 149, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action. On 15 January 1945, near Hagenau, France, while acting as assistant patrol leader of a combat patrol, in order to determine the disposition of enemy personnel and weapons and with utter

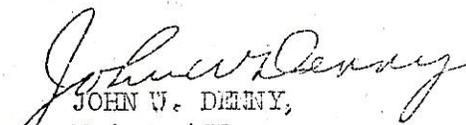
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disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Fastner advanced directly upon a known enemy position, drawing fire upon himself as a result of which an enemy outpost was located. This information proved of great value in the formulation of future operations in the sector. Sergeant Fastner failed to return from his mission and was reported missing in action. Name and address of nearest relative - Mr. Emanuel Fastner, (Father), 432 W. Minnehaha Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

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