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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 Medal is awarded to the following:

BENJAMIN F. MONTAGUE, O1 301 859, Captain, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 at Hatten, France.

Despite two fanatical enemy attacks on his Company's position by infantry, supported by flame throwing tanks, artillery, and mortar fire, Captain Montague remained in position and directed his company's defense against the enemy. When his position was in danger of being overrun, he organized the sixteen remaining men of his company and ordered them to proceed to Hatten, France, and set up new defensive positions. He then remained with the wounded men until subsequent capture by the enemy. As a result of Captain Montague's gallant and courageous action, his men were inspired to greater efforts, enabling his Battalion to set up strong defensive positions around the town of Hatten. Entered military service from Belle Mead, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:---- (a) 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:

HAROLD R. LILES, O 556 794, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945 near Schweighausen, France. During the attack on Schweighausen, Lieutenant Liles moved forward in the face of intense mortar and artillery fire to observe and direct our mortar fire on the enemy. The fire was so intense that at times he was forced to take cover in the freezing water of a nearby stream. After the town had been taken, he refused to leave his platoon although suffering from cold and severe exposure. Lieutenant Liles' outstanding courage and leadership played a major role in the successful capture of the town. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

(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:

WILLIAM E. BENSON, O2 006 294, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Franklin, New Hampshire.

WILLIAM F. MC GRAW, O1 043 424, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 10 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

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ALVIN MORTON O2 006 223, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 8 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ELWIN D. PALMER, O 548 726, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company M, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Preston, Mississippi.

ROBERT C. RECKETTS, O 551 741, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Farmington, New Mexico.

(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 service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

BENJAMIN E. BISHOP, O1 550 747, First Lieutenant, Ordnance, 742d Ordnance Company, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bristol, Connecticut.

RALPH F. CARRIER, O2 006 296, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

JAMES A. DE PATTEE, O 554 314, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 19 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

VINCENT J. HAKMAN, O1 181 618, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

EDWARD C. KELLEY, O1 081 280, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Manchester, New Hampshire.

MARION W. PAWLAK, O1 547 104, First Lieutenant, Medical Administration Corps, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

BERNARD REITER, O1 285 819, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilwood, New Jersey.

JOHN R. SCHILLING, O1 180 701, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

STANLEY A. SMITH, O 436 399, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (a) 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:

DONALD E. DOWNARD, O 337 097, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 29 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

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(b) 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 service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

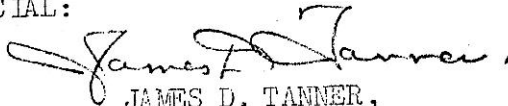
JOHN M. ALLEN, O 521 916, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Miami, Arizona.

✓ IV REVOCATION:--... So much of General Order 10, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1946, as pertains to the awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to Cpl. James M. Brinkman, 35 116 157, 42d Division Artillery, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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