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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 the following:

Cecil F. Meyer, 37 263 980, Sergeant, Infantry, Company K, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1945, near Hagenau, France. During the fierce fighting around Hagenau, France, a superior force of enemy SS troops attacked the positions of Sergeant Meyer's squad, requiring them to expend almost their entire supply of ammunition. Securing a large supply of ammunition, Sergeant Meyer braved the intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire falling all around him to deliver the ammunition to each member of his squad. As he ran from foxhole to foxhole, a sudden burst of small arms fire caught him, and he was mortally wounded. Sergeant Meyer's heroism and gallant courage enabled his squad to withstand the determined enemy attack and were an inspiration to his men. Name and address of nearest relative: Eva E. Meyer (Mother), Tuthill, South Dakota. Entered military service from Tuthill, South Dakota.

Carl H. Zaum, 12 147 871, Sergeant, Company K, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1945, at Hagenau, France. During an attack on his squad's positions by a superior force of enemy SS troops, Sergeant Zaum displayed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty. Infiltrating enemy troops approached through the darkness almost to his foxhole and threw a hand grenade into his position. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he aided his comrades to climb from the foxhole and leave the danger area before the grenade exploded. Before he could escape himself, the grenade exploded and he was mortally wounded. Sergeant Zaum's gallant and unselfish sacrifice saved the lives of his two fellow soldiers. Name and address of nearest relative: Harry Zaum (Father) 140 30 Beach Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, New York. Entered military service from Flushing, Long Island, New York.

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 the following:

Louis E. Gage, 39 045 987, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. After leading his platoon across an open field near Dachau, Germany, under sniper fire, Sergeant Gage investigated two caves dug in the side of a road bank. Throwing two fragmentation grenades in each cave, he entered and discovered 11 dead German SS troops. As he left the caves, an enemy machine pistol,

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several machine guns, and small arms opened fire upon him. Sergeant Gage borrowed a sub-machine gun and advanced to a position less than fifty yards from the enemy firing into their positions. He repeated this performance twice in the face of the heavy fire, killing fourteen, wounding twenty-nine, and taking eight prisoners. By his indomitable courage and intrepid gallantry, Sergeant Gage reflected great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Delano, California.

III. 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:

Orville G. Anderson, 35 839 521, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 7 January 1945, near Gambesheim, France. During the fierce fighting for Gambesheim, France, Private Anderson advanced across two hundred yards of open terrain to aid his platoon medical aid man, who was pinned down by machine gun fire while attempting to give first aid to a wounded enemy soldier. Exposing himself to the intense machine gun and small arms fire, he directed a heavy volume of fire at the enemy positions with his rifle, silencing the enemy and allowing the soldier to seek safety. Private Anderson's heroic action undoubtedly saved his comrade from certain death or injury. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Eugene N. Ferrara, 32 994 947, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 April 1945, at Nordheim, Germany. During the advance on Nordheim, the tanks which were supporting our infantry were halted by a mined road block. Private Ferrara advanced with his mine detector and swept four mines from the path of our armor until he was halted by enemy fire a few hundred yards from the town. After the tanks provided covering fire, he moved into the town, sweeping for mines in the face of the enemy. He captured four enemy soldiers from positions along the road, and then completed his mission. Private Ferrara's outstanding courage and devotion to duty cleared the path for the advance of our forces. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Phillip A. Prebeck, 36 909 998, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. During the fierce fighting for Wurzburg, Germany, Private Prebeck's rifle squad was held up by intense enemy machine gun fire coming from a building to their immediate front. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Prebeck fearlessly crawled through the intense barrage to within fifty yards of the enemy position. Then, exposing himself to the full view of the enemy, he stood up and fired an accurate bazooka round into the machine gun nest, silencing it and killing several of the crew. Private Prebeck's courageous action enabled his squad to continue their further successful advance through the city. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Jerome O. Rebischke, 37 771 518, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945 at Ettleben, Germany. While Company E was advancing through the streets of Ettleben, Germany, two enemy machine guns concealed in a building suddenly opened fire and pinned down the advancing troops. Locating the machine gun position, Private Rebischke fearlessly advanced through the fire into a burning building from which he directed accurate fire with his bazooka onto the enemy emplacement, silencing the two machine guns and killing the crews. Private Rebischke's outstanding courage and unswerving determination enabled the rifle troops to continue their successful attack through the town. Entered military service from Wadena, Minnesota.

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Max Schwartz, 33 262 079, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, at Gambshelm France. When his company was receiving an intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun concentration, Private Schwartz crossed an open field to direct tanks up to our positions for support fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he rode the lead tank through the murderous fire to the location of our forces, directing tank fire upon the well-concealed enemy emplacements. As a result of Private Schwartz' prompt and courageous action, our troops were able to enter Gambshelm, France with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Adolf G. Zeisler, 36 826 028, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Ohlungen, France. When an enemy attack penetrated our main line of resistance near Ohlungen, France, and cut a rifle platoon off from friendly forces, Private Zeisler, a gunner in a mortar squad, braved direct tank fire to remain at his position and fire mortar concentrations in an attempt to relieve the pressure on the hard-pressed troops. Continuing his fire until the German drive was halted, he enabled the trapped riflemen to return to their company lines. Through his tactical skill and heroic devotion to duty, Private Zeisler played a major role in defeating a fanatical German attempt to retake Alsace. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IV. 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:

Grant Cotterall, 39 826 742, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 30 April 1945, in Munich, Germany. Observing uniformed figures hiding in a doorway in Munich, Germany, Private Cotterall was moving forward to investigate the situation when the enemy group opened fire upon him. Working his way to within grenade distance, he hurled two hand grenades into the building, forcing the Germans to run from their position with Private Cotterall in close pursuit. Firing from the hip as he ran, he killed two of the enemy and forced the surrender of the remaining three. Through his great daring and fearless aggressiveness, Private Cotterall prevented a fanatical German group from carrying out a mission of inflicting casualties upon our occupying forces. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

HAROLD H. HOUSER, 01 293 775, Captain, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France. During the determined fighting around Sessenheim, France, attacking enemy forces surrounded the Company B, Command Post where Captain Houser and seventeen men were stationed. Ordering the men to leave by a concealed route, Captain Houser remained behind alone and fought back the enemy forces who were rapidly closing in on the Command Post. He killed two with his rifle as they attempted to come through the door. Later when enemy tanks arrived and directed fire against the building, he successfully made his escape, located his men, and led them from their precarious position without casualty. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:--- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

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JAMES T. LYNN, JR., O 524 134, Captain, Field Artillery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.
Fred W. Smith, 35 707 504, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

VI. AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE:--... Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded by the Division Commander to the following unit:

THE SERVICE BATTERY, 232D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks from 25 January 1945 to 25 March 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany.

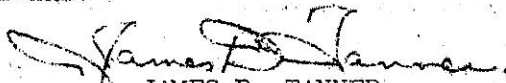
VII. REVOCATIONS:--... So much of Section I, General Orders 29, this headquarters, dated 22 January 1946 as pertains to the awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to Donald C. Powman, 34 775 289, Medical Detachment 222d Infantry Regiment; and, Robert J. Fogarty, 31 398 048, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

So much of Section I, General Orders, 28, this headquarters, dated 22 January 1946, as pertains to the awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to Byron J. Greenwood, 37 575 091, Technical Sergeant, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

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