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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 is awarded to the following:

Fred L. Dawson, 6 276 399, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 to 11 January 1945, at Hatten, France. During the three-day period in which fanatical enemy troops made a final desperate attempt to retake Alsace, Sergeant Dawson personally organized the entire Command Post guard. In the face of heavy enemy small arms, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, and direct fire from tanks, he made reconnaissances for new positions when the old ones became untenable. On the afternoon of 10 January, when a tank and personnel carrier approached the Command Post, Sergeant Dawson knocked out the tank with a bazooka round, and with a small patrol held off the troops. Throughout the entire fifty-two hours of savage fighting, he worked untiringly in maintaining guard, treating wounded, and, when ordered to withdraw, personally checked each post to see that his men had returned to friendly lines. Sergeant Dawson's indomitable courage and unflinching determination played a major role in repulsing the vicious enemy attack. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

John J. Moynihan, 31 349 608, Sergeant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 April 1945, near Heidenheim, Germany. When an enemy plane strafed his company during the fighting near Heidenheim, Germany, Sergeant Moynihan, seeing a wounded soldier lying in the impact area of the attack, braved the deadly fire to carry the man to cover. He then ran to an anti-aircraft machine gun and concentrated a terrific volume of fire upon the strafing fighter. One of the tracers from the plane struck his helmet, but he continued to follow the German aircraft with his withering fire until it crashed, killing the pilot. Through his great daring, aggressive skill, and gallant devotion to duty, Sergeant Moynihan saved a comrade from further injury and prevented a German attempt to create havoc among our attacking troops from succeeding. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

II. 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 the following:

Robert W. Beindorf, 35 553 056, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. During the action around Schweighausen, France, Private Beindorf was with forward elements of his company when the enemy launched a strong counterattack on our positions. Despite intense mortar, machine gun, and small

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arms fire striking all about him, he remained in an exposed position in order to effectively direct and adjust mortar fire on the attacking enemy forces. He continued to expose himself until fatally wounded by mortar fragments. Private Beindorf's courageous self-sacrifice enabled his mortar section to play a major role in repulsing the determined enemy attack. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs Cleora B. Beindorf (Mother), 709 Nicholas Street, Defiance, Ohio. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

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:

Wilson F. Baker, 35 213 142, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, at Schweighausen, France. When his platoon was surrounded by enemy paratroopers in Schweighausen, Private Baker volunteered to probe for an escape route through the German lines. Advancing forward while his comrades loaded their truck, he was suddenly fired upon. Taking cover, he returned the fire with his sub-machine gun causing the Germans to quit their position and flee into a wooded area. Hurriedly signalling to his platoon, he guided the beleaguered defenders to the safety of friendly lines. Through his great daring and aggressiveness, Private Baker saved his comrades from capture or death. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

Ralph F. Connell, 38 654 260, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Gambshelm, France. During the fierce fighting around Gambshelm, France, Private Connell fearlessly braved intense concentrations of artillery, mortar, and sniper fire in order to carry ammunition to the gun positions of his mortar squad. Although pinned down five consecutive times, he never faltered but continued to distribute the vitally needed ammunition. By his indomitable courage and aggressive determination, Private Connell contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of the sector against fanatically attacking enemy forces. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dess C. Dabbs, 39 401 822, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. While attached to a rifle company as a bazooka man, Private Dabbs volunteered to destroy an enemy machine gun nest threatening the entire spearhead force. Moving to the rear of the gun position, despite the intense hail of small arms fire, he advanced to within grenade distance of the emplacement. Hurling a hand grenade, he stormed the position immediately after the explosion, killing the one German left alive with his rifle. Private Dabbs' outstanding courage and unflinching aggressiveness enabled the attack to continue unimpeded. Entered military service from Napa, California.

Orley J. Dennings, 35 835 262, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945, near Soultz, France. When the enemy opened fire on their positions near Soultz, France, Private Dennings and another soldier advanced to investigate the enemy positions from which the fire was originating. Crawling forward two hundred yards through the intense darkness, he came upon the emplacement which was manned by five enemy soldiers. Unhesitatingly opening fire with his rifle, Private Dennings killed the machine gunner and wounded another of the crew. As he was about to fire on the other members of the machine gun crew, he was wounded and his comrade quickly eliminated the remainder of the enemy. Private Dennings' outstanding courage and tenaciousness reflected great credit upon himself and the

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military service. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Philip E. DiGiorgio, 33 785 655, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Gamsheim, France. During the action around Gamsheim, France, when enemy machine guns opened up on his company's right flank, Private DiGiorgio immediately led his light machine gun squad into action. Ammunition was rapidly becoming expended, so he advanced across fifty yards of open terrain in the face of murderous machine gun fire to secure and deliver the critically needed ammunition to his gun crew. By his outstanding courage and aggressive determination, Private DiGiorgio's machine gun squad was able to pin the enemy gun crews down, relieving the pressure from his company's right flank. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Richard F. Dutro, 35 239 343, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. Private Dutro exposed himself to intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire in order to provide covering fire for five comrades attempting to crawl to a covered position. As the enemy continued to attack their positions in overwhelming strength, he reconnoitered a path through an enemy minefield across which he and the five men withdrew. Fired upon by two riflemen and a machine gun, he dropped to a prone position and silenced the riflemen with his fire, then assisting his comrades to eliminate the machine gun. Private Dutro's courageous action and unflinching determination enabled his group to return to the safety of our lines without a casualty. Entered military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

Carl H. Gustafson, 38 253 752, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, near Neustadt, Germany. While Sergeant Gustafson was leading a reconnaissance patrol into Neustadt, Germany, intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire seriously wounded two members of the patrol's right flank security. Sergeant Gustafson unhesitatingly set out to rescue the two men who were lying on the side of a hill exposed to the enemy fire. Fearlessly making his way over one hundred yards of exposed terrain, he reached the men, rendered first aid, and carried them one at a time back to a position of safety. By his courageous action and selfless determination, Sergeant Gustafson undoubtedly saved his two comrades from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Elgin, Texas.

Birney T. Havey Jr., 17 075 652, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. When our forces were pinned down by intense machine gun and rifle fire while advancing through the Siegfried Line, Private Havey volunteered to advance on a reconnaissance for routes to by-pass the position of resistance. As fire from one machine gun became so heavy that he could advance no farther, he crawled to the left flank of the emplacement and threw a hand grenade into the midst of the crew, killing two and forcing a third to flee. Private Havey's heroism and courage opened a path for our advancing forces to flank the other enemy positions unmolested. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Howard J. Hughes, 17 148 545, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, at Hirschel, Germany. Halted at the approach to the village of Hirschel, Germany by an enemy road block, Private Hughes, a member of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, drove a jeep through the scattered mines, thus making a safe path

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for the remaining vehicles to follow. As he continued on into the town, his platoon which was operating far in advance of the regimental column, was subjected to a friendly artillery concentration laid down to harass the retreating enemy. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Hughes ran 700 yards through the deadly fire to a radio vehicle and called to the Fire Direction Center to cease fire. Through his great daring and heroic actions, he saved his comrades from possible injury or death. Entered military service from Lexington, Missouri.

Frank J. Orzechowski, 36 966 693, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 April 1945, at Buchdorf, Germany. During the action around Buchdorf, Germany, Private Orzechowski voluntarily drove his jeep on a mission to rescue two men pinned down by enemy fire. Driving his vehicle into a position exposed to intense small arms and machine gun fire, he advanced on foot through the deadly barrage to a house from which he could direct a comrade's fire with the machine gun mounted on the jeep, thus silencing the enemy and effecting the release of the two men. Then, when a tank destroyer was summoned to clear out the enemy positions, he covered the right flank of the tank while it moved forward against the emplacements. Private Orzechowski's courageous action and unswerving determination undoubtedly saved the lives of his two comrades. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Calvin B. Pearsol, 14 171 202, Corporal, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Gambenheim, France. While the rifle squad of which Corporal Pearsol was a member was guarding an important bridge near Gambenheim, France, it was suddenly subjected to intense fire from enemy positions to the right flank. Immediately leaving the protection of his foxhole, Corporal Pearsol ran fearlessly to an exposed position from which he engaged the enemy with his rifle, completely disregarding the murderous fire directed at him. He succeeded in pinning the enemy down until his squad could advance and assist him in driving the enemy back with numerous casualties. Corporal Pearsol's exceptional courage and aggressive determination contributed materially to holding the vital bridge against the determined enemy attempt to regain it. Entered military service from Valpariso, Florida.

Alvin L. Stamman, 38 119 348, Corporal, Infantry, Company G, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, near Drusdorf, Germany. When his Ranger squad on patrol near Drusdorf, Germany, encountered intense machine gun and small arms fire coming from well dug-in positions, Corporal Stamman worked his way forward in the face of the murderous fire to within several yards of the enemy positions. He threw several grenades into the machine pistol position, eliminating it, and killing the gunner with his rifle. When the Ranger squad was forced to withdraw, he remained behind to cover his comrades, braving accurate sniper fire until the withdrawal had been safely effected. Corporal Stamman's prompt and courageous action contributed materially to the successful completion of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Marlin, Texas.

Russell L. Wolfe, 36 957 718, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945, near Soultz-sous-Forêt, France. When the enemy opened fire on his position near Soultz-sous-Forêt, France, Private Wolfe, with another soldier, advanced to investigate the enemy positions from which the fire was originating. Crawling forward two hundred yards through the intense darkness, he came upon the emplacement which was manned by five enemy soldiers. Unhesitatingly opening fire, he and his comrade quickly eliminated the hostile machine gun nest. Private Wolfe's indomitable courage and tenaciousness reflected great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

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IV. 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:

Stephen Tomaszewski, 36 979 616, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, in Arnstein, Germany. During the attack on Arnstein, Germany, the advance of Company E was halted as they attempted to cross an open field on the outskirts of the town. Given the mission of establishing an observation post in a house from which intense rifle fire was coming, Private Tomaszewski advanced through the deadly hail of bullets, firing his rifle at the enemy position. Upon reaching the house he routed the four riflemen inside, set up the observation post, and proceeded to direct the fire of his platoon on nearby enemy positions. By his outstanding courage and aggressive determination, Private Tomaszewski materially aided his company to escape from an extremely precarious position. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

(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 achievement in action:

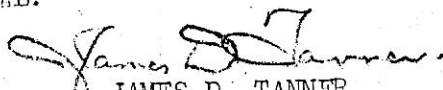
Charles T. Fox, 34 211 468, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

V. REVOCATION:.... Section III, General Orders 223, this headquarters, dated 28 December 1945, awarding the medical badge to Joseph M. Carrigg, 31 262 428, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 42d Infantry Division Special Troops, is revoked.

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