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Award of the Silver Star (Posthumous) I
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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:

Walter D. St. Amand, 11 130 599, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 April 1945, near Vockenrot, Germany. When his intelligence and reconnaissance platoon was subjected to an enemy ambush near Vockenrot, Germany, Corporal St. Amand leaped from his jeep and returned the fire. Fearlessly advancing into the murderous barrage, he inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy forces until he was mortally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. Through his great daring and gallant actions, Corporal St. Amand enabled his beleaguered comrades to reach positions of comparative safety. Name and Address of nearest relative: Mr. Aurele St. Amand (Father), Elm Street, Salisbury, Massachusetts. Entered military service from Haverhill, Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE SILVER 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 Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Morris Eisenstein, 36 709 953, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. When his two-man patrol suddenly came under intense enemy small arms fire near Furth, Germany, Corporal Eisenstein braved the deadly fire to enter the rear of the enemy's building under cover of his comrades' base of fire. Once inside he forced the surrender of a German major and three other men. Leading the enemy officer into the street he directed him to command the surrender of his 150-man garrison. Effecting this, he then took the officer to a nearby hospital and captured the entire personnel and patients confined there. Later in the day he returned again with the major and effected the surrender of 120 more men and officers. Corporal Eisenstein's outstanding resourcefulness and gallant determination played a major role in the successful capitulation of the city of Furth. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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:

Oliver C. Allen, 16 015 423, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 April 1945, near Berghelm, Germany. During the attack against Berghelm, Germany, enemy

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bazooka fire wounded the Company Commander and weapons platoon leader of the attacking Company. Private Allen and another litter bearer advanced across the open terrain in the face of intense sniper and machine gun fire to reach the casualties. Fearlessly braving the murderous fire, he made two trips to bring the wounded officers to a position of safety from which they could be evacuated to the rear. Private Allen's courageous action and unselfish devotion to duty saved the officers from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

Does W. Easterling, 34 871 290, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945, near Roschwoog, France. When three companies of enemy troops launched a determined attack against Sergeant Easterling's outpost, he moved a heavy machine gun to an exposed position and ordered the remainder of his men to withdraw. Fearlessly disregarding the vicious enemy small arms and machine gun fire directed at him, he continued to fire his weapon at the onrushing forces until all of his men had successfully effected a withdrawal. By his indomitable courage and unswerving determination in the face of overwhelming odds, Sergeant Easterling enabled the men under his command to escape from their precarious position with only one casualty. Entered military service from Laurel, Mississippi.

John E. Fraley, 33 884 359, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, near Spaltz, Germany. As the patrol of which Private Fraley was a member approached enemy positions near Spaltz, Germany, intense machine gun fire forced the group to seek cover. Private Fraley then advanced alone under the vicious fire until he was near the machine gun emplacement. Continuing to expose himself, he killed the enemy machine gunner, wounded two others, and captured two riflemen. Private Fraley's exceptional courage and aggressive determination materially aided the patrol to accomplish its mission without casualties. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Russel J. Kubiak, 36 981 537, 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 Kubiak voluntarily accompanied a quarter-ton truck and driver on a mission to rescue two men who were pinned down by enemy fire. Under his direction, the jeep was driven to an exposed position under machine gun and small arms fire. He then manned the machine gun mounted on the jeep, and bravely facing the intense fire, he soon silenced the enemy and freed the two men who were pinned down. Private Kubiak's courageous action and unswerving determination undoubtedly saved the lives of his two comrades and eliminated a serious threat to the advance of our forces. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Eugene J. Le Beau, 31 097 517, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Kronungen, Germany. When the first platoon of Company I was halted on the outskirts of Kronungen, Germany by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Le Beau crawled fearlessly through the deadly fire to an enemy machine gun emplacement, killing both gunners with his rifle. He then leaped into the position and wounded two more riflemen in a nearby foxhole. Sergeant Le Beau's outstanding courage and aggressive determination enabled his platoon to flank the enemy positions and continue their successful advance into the town. Entered military service from Adams, Massachusetts.

Vincent F. Lillis, 32 445 261, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19

January 1945, at Hunsbach, France. While Corporal Lillis was withdrawing his anti-tank gun squad from its position at Hunsbach, France, the enemy suddenly directed an intense artillery concentration into the area, destroying the anti-tank truck and inflicting three casualties, one of which was extremely severe. After the fire had lifted, Corporal Lillis ordered the walking wounded to follow him as he carried his seriously injured comrade two miles through the deep snow to the Battalion Aid Station. By Corporal Lillis' courageous and aggressive determination, he saved the life of his fellow soldier. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

Samuel A. Marshall Jr., 37 644 704, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. Acting as lead scout of a combat patrol attacking Hill 415 near Lichtenberg, France, under intense machine gun and small arms fire, Private Marshall tripped an enemy booby trap which hurled him to the ground and wounded him severely in the leg. Despite the seriousness of his wound, he continued to fire on the enemy positions with his rifle, ignoring the murderous hail of bullets striking all around him. By his courageous perseverance and indomitable determination, Private Marshall aided materially in pinning the enemy down until the patrol could withdraw from its precarious position. Entered military service from Normandy, Missouri.

John Martocci, 12 223 378, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 April 1945, near Bergheim, Germany. During the attack against Bergheim, Germany, enemy bazooka fire wounded the Company Commander and weapons platoon leader of the attacking Company. Private Martocci and another litter bearer advanced across the open terrain in the face of intense sniper and machine gun fire to reach the casualties. Fearlessly braving the murderous fire, he made two trips to bring the wounded officers to a position of safety from which they could be evacuated to the rear. Private Martocci's courageous action and unselfish devotion to duty saved the officers from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from New York, New York.

PAUL T. PRICE, 02 006 230, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, at Wimmenau, France. While leading his platoon on a combat patrol through heavily mined fields near Wimmenau, France, Lieutenant Price displayed exceptional leadership and initiative. Discovering that the enemy strength and firepower were overwhelming, he exposed himself fearlessly to murderous machine gun and small arms fire to reorganize his platoon for a withdrawal. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he made his way to each squad and personally led them to safety. Lieutenant Price's outstanding courage and aggressive determination undoubtedly saved his men from suffering severe casualties in this precarious situation. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Richard D. Schmitz, 17 176 687, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Reipertswiller, France. When the Ranger patrol of which Private Schmitz was a member met intense machine gun, machine pistol, and rifle fire on a large hill near Reipertswiller, France, he silenced several of the enemy with his automatic rifle. He then contacted our artillery with the patrol's radio and, while the patrol leader directed artillery fire on the enemy positions, he laid down an effective base of fire, knocking out an enemy machine gun and silencing much of the rifle fire. When the patrol was forced to withdraw, Private Schmitz remained behind under increasingly intense machine gun and rifle fire until every man had withdrawn. By his exceptional courage and unswerving determination, Private Schmitz was instrumental in the successful withdrawal of

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his patrol from its precarious position. Entered military service from Overland, Park, Kansas.

Richard E. Willard, 37 594 665, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While acting as first scout for a combat patrol near Lichtenberg, France, Private Willard noticed an area he suspected as mined and he quickly halted his men to investigate. While probing an exposed area, he was observed and fired upon by the enemy with machine gun and small arms fire. Attempting to take cover, he stepped on a mine which wounded him severely, hurling him into the air. Although in agonizing pain, he feigned death to discourage further enemy fire while the remainder of the patrol advanced to engage the enemy from more favorable positions. By his courageous and heroic action, Private Willard enabled the patrol to complete its mission without further casualty. Entered military service from Chisholm, Minnesota.

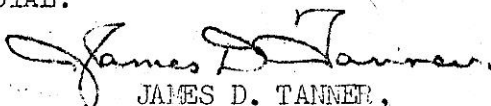
IV. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

THOMAS B. GIBONEY, JR., O 556 795, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France. When his combat patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar fire well inside enemy territory, Lieutenant Giboney reconnoitered the area and organized a plan of withdrawal. He then exposed himself to intense small arms and mortar fire to take up a position in an open field and cover the withdrawal of each man of the patrol, killing numerous enemy troops who were advancing under cover of the fire. By his outstanding courage and fearless leadership, Lieutenant Giboney saved the entire patrol from probable annihilation. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Shurles E. Myers, 38 273 447, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France. When the combat patrol of which Sergeant Myers was a member was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he unhesitatingly volunteered to remain behind to cover the withdrawal of the body of the patrol. Armed with a sub-machine gun, he fearlessly exposed himself to the murderous fire, holding the attacking forces back until the remainder of the patrol had successfully withdrawn. By his courageous action and unswerving determination, Sergeant Myers undoubtedly saved the patrol from complete annihilation. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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