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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:

DONALD E. SHANEYFELT, O 549 484, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 April 1945, at Perbach, Germany. When his motorized patrol was ambushed by a superior enemy force deep in enemy territory near Perbach, Germany, Lieutenant Shaneyfelt exposed himself to the deadly enemy fire while manning a machine gun mounted on his vehicle. Realizing that his men were badly outnumbered, he sent a jeep for reinforcements and moved forward with two enlisted men to rescue five of his men who were pinned down. After tanks arrived to support him, he so skillfully directed their fire by placing himself in a completely exposed position that two machine guns were knocked out and an undetermined number of enemy were killed. By his fearless actions and courageous aggressiveness, Lieutenant Shaneyfelt enabled his men to accomplish the mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Long Pine, Nebraska.

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:

Arthur D. Kessler, 35 140 332, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 February 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While on an outpost guarding his light machine gun section in positions near Lichtenberg, France, Private Kessler heard suspicious noises nearby and advanced to investigate. Although armed only with a pistol and a grenade, he proceeded through the darkness until he discovered an enemy patrol attempting to infiltrate the company area. As he shouted the alarm, he was mortally wounded by an enemy grenade. Private Kessler's heroic self-sacrifice enabled his company to prepare to repulse the enemy threat. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Josephine Kessler (Mother), 8833 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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:

James W. Bullard 38 462 329, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 242nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, at Rittershoffen, France. During an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and tank fire on Rittershoffen, France, Private

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Bullard noticed a truck loaded with valuable supplies standing exposed to the heavy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he left his covered position and fearlessly braved the deadly fire to move the vehicle to a safe position. By his prompt and courageous action, Private Bullard saved the truck and its important contents from destruction by the enemy. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Winslow A. Chermack, 17 050 420, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February, near Wingén, France. When Private Chermack's squad was attacking an enemy position near Wingén, France, enemy machine gun fire was inflicting heavy casualties on them. Crawling to the flank, he observed several machine gun positions and silenced two of them with his rifle. Despite the fact that the enemy was now concentrating their fire on him, seriously wounding him, he continued to fire until all the wounded were removed from the danger zone. Private Chermack's courageous action and unswerving determination undoubtedly saved his comrades from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Donald G. Crawford, 37 219 345, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. While Sergeant Crawford and three other men were on outpost guard in Wurzburg, Germany, the enemy launched a strong counterattack against our positions. Rapidly deploying his men, he led them in a fierce exchange of fire with the advancing enemy forces, holding them off until his company could prepare a defense line to the rear. Although wounded in the leg, he continued to fire at the enemy until they had overrun the position. Sergeant Crawford's courageous and aggressive leadership contributed materially to eventually repulsing the determined attack. Entered military service from Sedwich, Kansas.

Glenn L. Evenson, 37 020 141, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. While moving his anti-tank platoon into position during the fighting through the fire-swept streets of Wurzburg, Germany, Sergeant Evenson was seriously wounded by a machine gun burst fired from point-blank range. Refusing medical aid, he organized his men and led them in an attack upon the German position, personally killing one enemy soldier and wounding another. Through his courageous actions and aggressive leadership, Sergeant Evenson, although painfully wounded, enabled his platoon to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from Climax, Minnesota.

Frank P. Feist, 35 239 387, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While his rifle squad was on a mission to obtain information of enemy positions near Lichtenberg, France, Private Feist was the first man to spot the enemy. After signalling the remainder of the squad to take cover, he advanced to an advantageous position from which he could more closely observe the enemy emplacements. While returning to his comrades with the vital information, he stepped on an enemy shu-mine, but he tenaciously continued on his way until he had transmitted the information to his squad leader. Private Feist's outstanding and indomitable courage played a major role in the successful attack through the area several days later. Entered military service from Steubenville, Ohio.

Fletcher G. Harmon, 34 121 357, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, at Wingén, France. When his patrol leader was seriously wounded by artillery fire near Wingén, France, Private Harmon left his covered position to go to his

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aid! Directing the other members of the patrol to provide covering fire, he proceeded to carry the officer to the nearest medical aid station. Wounded twice by mortar shell fragments, he continued indomitably on his way, delivering the wounded man safely at the aid station where he was given immediate treatment. Private Harmon's exceptional courage and unflinching determination undoubtedly saved the injured officer from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

Glenn O. Herrly, 37 293 980, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, at Arnstein, Germany. When our rifle troops were halted by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire coming from the heavily defended town of Arnstein, Germany, Private Herrly advanced across several hundred yards of open terrain to set his heavy machine gun in an advantageous position. Although exposed to direct enemy fire, he placed deadly fire on the enemy positions, silencing a great portion of the enemy weapons until he was seriously wounded by sniper fire. Private Herrly's courageous action and unswerving determination made an effective contribution to the successful capitulation of the town. Entered military service from Hector, Minnesota.

Jerome S. Kowalski, 36 919 791, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, near Spaltz, Germany. Private Kowalski was a member of a combat patrol advancing into Spaltz, Germany to destroy a machine gun position holding up the advance of Company I. As the patrol approached the position, intense machine gun fire forced the group to scatter. Advancing through the deadly barrage, Private Kowalski gained a vantage point and directed such accurate fire at the enemy with his automatic rifle that several were killed and the machine gunners pinned down. As a result of his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, the patrol was able to successfully accomplish its mission without casualties. Entered military service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

Kenneth D. McCarty, 38 696 267, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. During the bitter fighting in the Hardt Mountains, Private McCarty encountered heavy enemy opposition while reconnoitering for an approach to his platoon's objective. Using his bazooka as an antipersonnel weapon, he calmly advanced into the withering barrage of the Germans, firing as he advanced. His accurate rocket fire wounded several of the enemy, and the remainder, terrified by the use of such a weapon, made a disorganized withdrawal. Through his tactical skill and indomitable courage, Private McCarty enabled his platoon to take its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Robert R. Milodragovich, 19 055 544, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. When he encountered a wooded area heavily infested with enemy snipers while leading his platoon in the attack through the Hardt Mountains, Sergeant Milodragovich, with utter disregard for his own safety, dispersed his platoon and moved forward to eliminate the German riflemen. Moving from tree to tree, he quickly annihilated the delaying party with his accurate fire. Through his courageous actions and intrepid devotion to duty, Sergeant Milodragovich played a major role in the successful attack. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

Clarence J. Muszynski, 36 981 610, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I,

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232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 April 1945, near Neustadt, Germany. When the combat patrol of which Private Muszynski was a member advanced across an open area near Neustadt, Germany, the enemy opened fire with machine guns and small arms. Although wounded three times in the arm, he remained in the exposed position firing on the enemy until the entire patrol had taken cover from the murderous fire. He then continued to fire on the enemy positions, keeping them pinned down, until he himself could take cover. Private Muszynski's exceptional courage and unflinching determination undoubtedly saved many of his comrades from injury or possible death. Entered military service from River Rouge, Michigan.

George E. Rhodes Jr., 37 517 445, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While Private Rhodes was laying wire for a combat patrol advancing on enemy positions near Lichtenberg, France, the enemy opened fire with machine guns, forcing our men to withdraw. He then voluntarily led the return of the patrol through mine fields along the route of his wire line. As he was proceeding across the dangerous area, he stepped on a mine and was severely wounded. With no exhibition of pain he warned the other men of the patrol to remain silent and then crawled back to our lines unassisted. Private Rhodes' heroism and unflinching determination enabled his comrades to effect the withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Wayne H. Stinson, 37 562 398, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 March 1945, near Wingen, France. While on a patrol to plot enemy positions and emplacements, Sergeant Stinson observed a small enemy group approaching and opened fire on them. Advancing into the face of deadly enemy fire, he threw four hand grenades among the Germans, accounting for the majority of them and enabling his men to proceed on its mission. He then, by careful observation and alertness, located six enemy machine gun installations which were subsequently destroyed by other combat patrols. By his courageous action and unswerving determination, Sergeant Stinson contributed materially to the successful completion of the patrol's assignment. Entered military service from Bemidji, Mississippi.

John M. Taddia, 33 794 363, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 January 1945, at Rittershoffen, France. While digging in his anti-tank gun in position at Rittershoffen, France, Private Taddia noticed a wounded man lying exposed to the strafing of enemy fighter aircraft. Leaving his covered position, he fearlessly exposed himself to the deadly fire to proceed to the side of the injured man. He then carried him through the heavy fire to a nearby ambulance for evacuation to the rear for medical treatment. Private Taddia's prompt and courageous action saved his wounded comrade from further injury or possible death. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

C. B. Thompson, 38 633 893, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. When the enemy launched a determined counterattack against his machine gun position near Schweinfurt, Private Thompson held his fire until the Germans had advanced within 25 yards of his emplacement. Opening fire at point-blank range, he inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, thus halting the attack. Locating his machine gun, the Germans adjusted a direct mortar hit upon his position, seriously wounding Private Thompson. Refusing medical aid, he displaced to an alternate position and continued to fire on the enemy troops.

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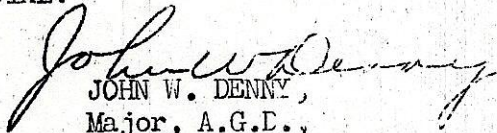
until he was ordered to the rear for medical treatment. Through his heroic courage and selfless determination, Private Thompson played a major role in effecting the rapid capitulation of Schweinfurt. Entered military service from Glen Rose, Texas.

Edward L. Wegner Jr., 36 992 067, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When the advance of Company I was halted on the outskirts of Wurzburg, Germany by intense small arms, machine gun, and anti-aircraft artillery fire, Private Wegner led his rifle squad to silence the enemy positions. Constantly exposing himself as he advanced, he located the well-concealed positions and opened fire on them. As he advanced he was seriously wounded, but, despite his wound, he pointed out the positions to his comrades, enabling the squad to continue their assault. Private Wegner's courageous determination contributed materially to the eventual capitulation of the heavily defended city. Entered military service from Linden, Michigan.

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