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Award of the Silver Star I
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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:

Floyd W. Gilson, 36 109 373, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, near Kilstett, France. While leading his platoon against several enemy machine gun positions near Kilstett, France, Sergeant Gilson was severely wounded in the face during an intense concentration of mortar and artillery fire. Disregarding his wound, he continued to brave the murderous fire in order to reorganize his platoon for a withdrawal and to assist the medical aid man in caring for the other wounded. By his outstanding courage and selfless determination, Sergeant Gilson enabled his men to withdraw to safety with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur D. Kessler, 35 140 332, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945, near Leutenheim, France. When a ten man enemy patrol attacked the positions of Private Kessler's machine gun squad, he immediately went to his gun through the bitter cold although only partially clothed. Picking it up, he stood in a completely exposed position and directed a deadly stream of fire at the onrushing enemy forces. Completely disregarding the murderous fire striking all about him, he continued to fire the gun from the hip, single-handedly repulsing the attack and killing or wounding the entire enemy patrol. Private Kessler's exceptional courage and aggressiveness completely frustrated the enemy attack without casualty to our forces. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

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:

Charles G. Beckwith Jr., 36 680 972, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. As Sergeant Beckwith's light machine gun squad was digging defensive positions along the Siegfried Line near Ludwigswinkel, Germany, they were observed by the enemy and subjected to an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire. Immediately moving his men to new and safe positions, he returned alone to pick up the machine gun. As he returned through the deadly fire with the weapon, he was mortally wounded by shell fragments. Sergeant Beckwith's outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Name and address of nearest relative: Mr. Charles G. Beckwith (Father), 127 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Andrew A. Jaquay, 13 000 912, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France. When his squad was pinned down by intense machine gun fire in their attack on Hill 301 near Reipertswiller, France, Sergeant Jaquay advanced alone to neutralize the enemy position. Braving the deadly fire, he routed the enemy with grenades and fire from his rifle, but as he turned to signal his squad to advance he was fatally wounded by an enemy sniper. By his exceptional courage and aggressive determination in the face of superior odds, Sergeant Jaquay enabled his platoon to continue their attack on the strongly held enemy positions. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Anna Jaquay, 58 Mount Wood Road, Wheeling, West Virginia. Entered military service from Wheeling West Virginia.

Kenneth C. Schulz, 39 476 183, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 February 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When the combat patrol of which Private Schulz was a member met strong enemy resistance near Lichtenberg, France, it was forced to withdraw with numerous casualties. As the patrol withdrew across a mine field, the enemy subjected the group to an intense concentration of mortar fire, seriously wounding Private Schulz in the chest. Despite the intense pain and severity of the wound, he remained quiet in order not to disclose the patrol's location, and, because of the large number of wounded already in the patrol, he refused to be carried or assisted. After walking and crawling over seven hundred yards to our lines, he succumbed to his wounds. Private Schulz's indomitable courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Julia Marie Schulz (Mother), 4508 S. D. St. Tacoma, Washington. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Charles M. Weed, 32 843 061, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France. While Private Weed was on outpost guard in a pillbox near Sessenheim, France, the enemy subjected the area to an intense concentration of mortar and artillery fire, followed by a strong attacking force. Observing through an embrasure, he adjusted and directed friendly artillery fire on the onrushing troops, completely disregarding the intense hail of small arms and machine gun fire directed at the opening. As he observed the enemy forces scattering and retreating, an artillery shell hit near his face, mortally wounding him. Private Weed's outstanding courage and selfless determination were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Bessie Weed (Mother), 1024 North Union Street Olean, New York. Entered military service from Olean, New York.

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:

William D. Craig, 37 474 422, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, near Furth, Germany. While Company E was attacking Furth, Germany across the Regnitz River, telephone communications with the Battalion Command Post weakened due to faulty batteries. Private Craig unhesitatingly set out to secure new batteries, crossing the river on a partially destroyed bridge which was under a vicious machine gun cross-fire. Upon delivering the batteries to the company and learning that there was a shortage of small arms and bazooka ammunition, he again returned to the command post and led a group of enemy

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prisoners back with the required ammunition. Private Craig's outstanding courage and aggressive determination played a major role in the successful capitulation of the city of Furth. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

James A. Ferrell, 37 636 974, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company A, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. While bringing rations forward to his company which was located near Schweinfurt, Sergeant Ferrell observed a four-man enemy patrol on a hill overlooking our positions. Boldly making his way toward the enemy group, he approached undetected to within a few yards of the German position and opened fire with his rifle, killing all four members of the patrol. Through his great daring and aggressive actions, Sergeant Ferrell singlehandedly eliminated an enemy patrol sent into our lines to observe our preparations for the attack against Schweinfurt. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Erwin F. Fredman, 32 835 178, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry Company C, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 January 1945, near Kaltenhaus, France. While defending our main line of resistance near Kaltenhaus, France, Private Fredman noticed a wounded man lying exposed to intense artillery and mortar fire. Leaving his position of cover, he crawled through the deep snow and administered first aid, remaining at the wounded man's side until the arrival of litter bearers in order to cover the evacuation with his rifle fire. Private Fredman's prompt and courageous action under the deadly artillery fire undoubtedly saved the life of the seriously injured soldier. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Louis F. Mulkins, 36 785 861, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Schweighausen, France. When his mortar position in the Moder River Line was overrun by the fiercely attacking enemy, Private Mulkins was seriously wounded in the chest by machine gun fire. Refusing medical aid, he made his way through the withering fire concentrated upon him to his company command post and reported the position of the attacking forces to his Company Commander. Upon completing his mission, he collapsed from loss of blood. Through his great daring and selfless determination, Private Mulkins contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of our positions in Alsace. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

Edward J. Otradovec, 36 823 870, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When the combat patrol of which Private Otradovec was a member had penetrated deep into enemy territory near Lichtenberg, France, it made contact with a superior enemy force. Although seriously wounded in the thigh during the exchange of fire, he left a covered position and crawled through an intense hail of artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire until he reached friendly positions. The information which he then gave enabled our mortars to fire on the enemy, laying down a smoke screen until the patrol could withdraw safely from its precarious position. Private Otradovec's courageous determination and aggressiveness undoubtedly saved his comrades from certain death. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Earl F. Patterson, 39 458 613, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. While Private Patterson's squad was advancing through the Hardt Mountains, a force of twelve enemy armed with automatic weapons attacked them from the rear. Unhesitatingly, he moved to one flank, and seeking a covered position, he opened fire on the enemy with his automatic rifle. As they scattered to a nearby patch of woods, Private Patterson left his position and

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followed them, firing as he advanced and killing ten as they fled. By his prompt and courageous action, Private Patterson contributed materially to the successful conclusion of the day's engagement. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

Marvin M. Sanders, 38 682 294, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 March 1945, near Miltenburg, Germany. When his squad was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire near Miltenburg, Germany, Sergeant Sanders ordered the members of his squad to lay down covering fire while he singlehandedly attacked the hostile position. Crawling to within 25 yards of the machine gun nest, he hurled a hand grenade into the enemy group, killing two of the gunners. He then killed the remaining German with his rifle. Through his great daring and selfless determination, Sergeant Sanders enabled his squad to continue its attack. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Edward T. Zadylak, 32 914 841, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Duttendronn, Germany. When our forces were suffering numerous casualties from intense artillery fire near Duttendronn, Germany, Private Zadylak fearlessly exposed himself to go to the aid of the wounded men. Moving each one individually from the exposed area to a position of safety, he administered first aid and then directed their evacuation to the battalion medical aid station. Private Zadylak's complete disregard for his personal safety and devotion to his comrades brought immediate comfort to the injured and removed them from the dangerous impact area. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

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