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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:

Edward H. Edens, 38 532 909, Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During an intense concentration of artillery and mortar fire as our forces were attacking near Schweinfurt, Germany, Sergeant Edens' heavy machine gun platoon was forced to seek cover in an area which afforded few positions of safety. Completely disregarding the deadly fire, Sergeant Edens checked his men and discovered one without any protection whatsoever. Unhesitatingly he left his own position of safety and ordered his comrade to occupy the now vacant location, exposing himself fearlessly to the murderous fire which shortly fatally wounded him. Sergeant Edens' heroic and gallant self-sacrifice saved the life of his fellow soldier and was an inspiration to the other men of his platoon. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. C. K. Kendall (Aunt), 5924 Hudson Street, Dallas, Texas. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Donald F. Gage, 39 023 459, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, at Kronungen, Germany. During Company I's attack against Kronungen, Germany, Private Gage was in the lead of the forward elements as first scout. Observing that the bridge on the approaches to the town was set with explosives, he ran through a deadly hail of machine gun and rifle fire in an attempt to reach the structure before the enemy could destroy it. Firing as he ran, he killed several of the riflemen guarding the bridge, only to step on it as the enemy set off their charges. Private Gage's heroic attempt to keep the bridge intact for our forces reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Nellie J. Gage (Mother), General Delivery, Bridge, Oregon. Entered military service from Gilroy, California.

Joseph A. Struba, 33 019 737, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 April 1945, near Rain, Germany. During Company G's attack in the vicinity of Rain, Germany, Private Struba led his litter squad up to the forward elements of the attacking force. Informed of the presence of a wounded man in an open field, he crawled 100 yards under intense machine gun and rifle fire to give the man emergency medical treatment. Then, as the intensity of the fire increased, he di-

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rected his litter bearers to remain in a covered position while he carried the wounded soldier to safety. As he approached the safety of our lines, he was struck and mortally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. By his outstanding courage and heroic self-sacrifice, Private Struba undoubtedly saved his comrades from serious injury or death. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Joseph A. Struba (Wife), 549 Edith Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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:

Raymond T. Fuchs, 36 846 244, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the all-out attack of our forces against Schweinfurt, Germany, Private Fuchs distinguished himself by his outstanding courage and devotion to his comrades. Although seriously wounded while advancing through a deadly hail of machine gun and rifle fire, he lay in an exposed position and directed the fire of his entire platoon on the well-concealed enemy positions until they were neutralized. Private Fuchs' gallant and heroic action enabled his comrades to eliminate two machine gun emplacements and to continue their successful assault against the heavily defended city. Entered military service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

Joseph F. Garger, 33 266 720, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 March 1945, in the Hardt Mountains, France. While laying a wire line behind the Battalion Command Group during a night offensive through the Hardt Mountains, Private Garger and his wire team were subjected to the murderous fire of an enemy ambush. After returning the fire, Private Garger searched the area for his comrades, finding one dead and the other wounded. When the Germans again opened fire, he interposed his body between his wounded comrade and the impact area and both feigned death. The enemy soldiers then came forward and stripped all three Americans of their weapons and equipment. As the patrol moved away, satisfied that their victims were dead, Private Garger seized an undetected hand grenade and hurled it into the enemy group, killing one, wounding two, and forcing the remainder to flee into the darkness. He then carried his wounded comrade to a position of comparative safety from where he was evacuated for medical treatment. Private Garger's gallant actions reflect the highest credit on himself and uphold the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Frank H. Hofman, 42 190 301, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 April 1945, in Furth, Germany. During the violent house to house fighting in Furth, Germany, Private Hofman's platoon was pinned down by deadly enemy machine gun and small arms fire coming from a nearby church building. Realizing the church had to be cleared immediately to prevent further casualties, Private Hofman fired a rocket into the doorway of the building, and then entered the enemy position through a hail of machine gun fire. Hurling a grenade through a doorway, he

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singlehandedly stormed the hostile fortress, killing four riflemen and taking six machine gunners prisoner. Through his selfless courage and gallant devotion to duty, Private Hofman made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the city of Furth. Entered military service from Runnemede, New Jersey.

Charles E. Hunt, 35 449 321, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1945, near Ohlungen, France. During the fanatical enemy attack against our positions on the Moder River, Sergeant Hunt set up his machine gun on a vantage point overlooking the route of approach of the attacking Germans. Braving the devastating artillery fire covering the area, he remained at his post and cut down wave after wave of attacking enemy soldiers until he was forced to withdraw because of the numerically superior force directed at his emplacement. As he withdrew, he continued to inflict heavy casualties upon the advancing enemy. Through his selfless courage and gallant devotion to duty, Sergeant Hunt played a major role in the defeat of a determined German attempt to retake Alsace. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

Henry E. Park, 18 108, 677, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the bitter fighting through the fire-swept streets of Wurzburg, Germany, Private Park observed an enemy tank moving toward his observation post. Braving the concentration of fire from the tank and supporting infantrymen, he made his way to a vantage point within 50 yards of the counterattacking enemy. Opening fire with his rocket launcher, he made a direct hit on the armored vehicle, turning it into a blazing inferno. Running back to his observation post, he took up a position with an automatic rifle and inflicted heavy casualties upon the Germans, thus halting the fanatical attack. Through his indomitable courage and gallant actions, Private Park played a major role in repelling a determined enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

III. 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:

John D. Fredericks III, 19 132 453, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945, near Keaufenheim, France. While Private Fredericks was on outpost guard near Keaufenheim, France, two enemy soldiers disguised as civilians approached his post. Observing his position, the enemy opened fire on him with rifles, which he returned immediately. Fearlessly exposing himself to the heavy fire, he succeeded in killing the two enemy, receiving a fatal wound shortly before the last German fell. Private Fredericks' alertness and courageous action undoubtedly saved his comrades from suffering casualties at the hands of the infiltrating enemy. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Elizabeth W. Fredericks (Mother), Box 189, Portola Road, Woodside, California. Entered military service from Woodside, Calif.

W. B. Hensley, 34 924 775, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. When the lead scout of his combat patrol was cut down by intense machine gun fire on Hill 415 near Lichtenberg, France, Private Hensley unhesitatingly advanced through the murderous fire to the side of his seriously wounded comrade. As he was rendering first aid, a mortar round landed next to him

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wounding him fatally before he could finish treating the injured soldier. Private Hensley's heroic self-sacrifice was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Lilla G. Hensley (Mother), Route 1, Lake, Mississippi. Entered military service from Lake, Mississippi.

Styron P. James, 44 010 554, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. During the fierce fighting around Lichtenberg, France, Private James was lead scout for a combat patrol attacking well fortified positions on Hill 415. When the patrol was suddenly subjected to intense concentrations of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he fearlessly advanced into the face of the deadly hail of bullets, firing as he walked. As he approached the first machine gun nest, he was mortally wounded by a burst of fire. Private James' courageous and heroic self-sacrifice enabled his comrades to flank and overrun the enemy positions. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. May Meeks James (Mother), Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina. Entered military service from Stokes, North Carolina.

Norman A Kemp, 36 473 530, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, near Kronungen, Germany. During the attack on Kronungen, Germany, intense enemy machine gun fire pinned down Company I. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Kemp moved into an exposed position with his bazooka to fire on the machine gun position. The first round was a dud, and as he was in the process of firing a second round, he was observed and mortally wounded by the machine gunner. Private Kemp's heroic self-sacrifice was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Name and address of nearest relative: Mr. Michael Kemp (Father), 11430 Cheyenne Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Charles Myrick, 34 915 299, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945, near Kronungen, Germany. As Private Myrick's platoon was proceeding across open, level terrain on the approaches to Kronungen, Germany, it was suddenly met by an intense hail of machine gun and rifle fire. Private Myrick continued to advance in the face of the murderous fire, and from an exposed position directed bazooka fire onto one of the enemy positions. When the bazooka round failed to explode, the enemy turned their machine guns on him, fatally wounding him with a withering hail of fire. Private Myrick's exceptional courage and unflinching determination reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Daisy Cox Myrick (Mother), Route 5, Florence, Alabama. Entered military service from Florence, Alabama.

Wiley J Swafford, 38 666 060, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Strasbourg, France. During the fierce fighting around Strasbourg, France, when the enemy attempted to recross the Rhine River, Company I's ammunition supply became critically low. Private Swafford unhesitatingly set out through intense concentrations of enemy artillery fire to obtain the vitally needed supplies. Returning with a full load of ammunition, he fearlessly braved the increasingly intense fire until he was mortally wounded by shell fragments. Private Swafford's indomitable courage and unswerving devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Flossie Swafford (Mother), Route 3, Alma, Arkansas. Entered military service from Alma, Arkansas.

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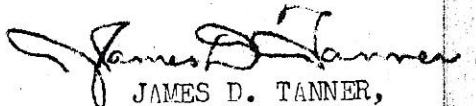
IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:---By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

John F. Rourke, 31 388 799, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, 18 January 1945, at Kefendorf, France. Entered military service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

EDWIN RUSTEBERG,
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,
Actg. Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:


JAMES D. TANNER,
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