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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:

Bernard D. Sasser, 31 083 482, Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 and 27 February 1945 near Kohlhutte, Alsace. When Sergeant Sasser perceived a patrol, of which he was not a member, attempting to pass through a mine field he had previously reconnoitered, he voluntarily guided it through the field. Upon passing the field, the patrol was brought under heavy enemy fire which Sergeant Sasser immediately returned at the head of the patrol. Discovering an enemy machine gun, he had advanced to within 10 yards of its position, when he was struck simultaneously by machine gun bullets and grenade fragments and was reported missing in action. His courageous leadership and uncompromising devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the patrol and exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Ann Fitzgibbon, (Mother), 650 Delaware, Detroit, Michigan. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

II. 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:

James E. Baker, 32 448 687, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, at Schwanfeld, Germany. On 8 April 1945 in Schwanfeld, Germany; while transporting troops in a 2 1/2-ton truck in company with four vehicles, Private Baker entered the town which shortly thereafter came under observed enemy artillery fire, making it necessary that the vehicle be stopped in an exposed position. The troops on his truck attempted to dismount at this point but were ordered to remain on the truck as Private Baker realizing their hazardous position assisted in moving the truck to a covered position. While doing so several shells landed in the vicinity of the spot at which he had first halted, killing one man and wounding seven others in the accompanying trucks. The clear thinking and aggressive action of Private Baker saved not only his truck but also the lives of many of the troops he was transporting. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

Willard R. Bliss, 12 102 728, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20-21 January 1945, near Gleeburg, France. Learning that a quarter-ton truck

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had overturned and pinned the driver beneath, Private Bliss, with others, set out in a truck to rescue the driver. Half-way to their destination the truck became mired and the men continued on foot. When they came to the quarter-ton truck the driver was given first aid and then evacuated by a vehicle of another unit. Returning, Private Bliss and his comrades struggled to extricate their truck from the mud until they were forced to abandon the project by enemy mortar fire. Private Bliss's efforts on this occasion were marked by a soldierly devotion to duty despite the grave dangers surrounding him. Entered military service from Ithaca, New York.

James E. Briley, 38 117 711, Sergeant, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20-21 January 1945 near Glocburg, France. Learning that a quarter-ton truck had overturned and pinned the driver beneath, Sergeant Briley, with others, set out in a truck to rescue the driver. Half-way to their destination the truck became mired and the men continued on foot. When they came to the quarter-ton truck the driver was given first aid and then evacuated by a vehicle of another unit. Returning, Sergeant Briley and his comrades struggled to extricate their truck from the mud until they were forced to abandon the project by enemy mortar fire. Sergeant Briley's efforts on this occasion were marked by a soldierly devotion to duty despite the grave dangers which surrounded him. Entered military service from Cleburne, Texas.

John R. Carfield, 15 583 242, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. When two of the three communication lines which ran from the forward Regimental Command Post into the City of Wurzburg, Germany, failed on the night of 3 April 1945, Private Carfield drove the wire maintenance crew to the source of the trouble. Throughout the night he worked with the crew in maintaining and repairing the wires. As a result of his courageous act and devotion to duty, Private Carfield's Company Commander was able to keep in touch with his attacking elements at a critical time. Entered military service from Greenfield, Indiana.

Raymond P. Hartney, 37 640 422, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action during February and March in France. As a member of the Rainbow Rangers, Private Hartney participated in six reconnaissance and four combat patrols in enemy territory, hampered by mountainous terrain as well as enemy in well dug-in positions. His devotion to duty contributed materially to success of the the Rangers in completing every mission. With the assistance of Private Hartney, many German emplacements were reduced, numerous casualties were inflicted, many prisoners captured, and much information vital to the success of future tactical movements was obtained. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

William B. Inman, 36 673 217, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 near Kilstott, France. When communication lines between his mortar section and rifle troops were disrupted by enemy fire, Private Inman, a mortar gunner, left his emplacement and, under heavy hostile artillery fire, repaired the damaged wires. His courageous act and unswerving devotion to duty enabled his squad to continue effective support to the troops in the forward areas. Entered military service from Neoga, Illinois.

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Mathias H. Kasberger, 36 983 390, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945 at Zell, Germany. When the ammunition for his squad's machine gun was nearly expended, Private Kasberger voluntarily crossed over 2000 yards of open ground, covered by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and returned with a resupply. Through Private Kasberger's courageous act, his squad was able to continue its effective fire, routing the Germans from their positions, enabling rifle troops to continue their advance under protecting fire. Entered military service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Leroy Keach, 35 352 073, Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945 near Schweighausen, France. Sergeant Keach was in command of a machine gun squad, engaged in defending a strong point on the Main Line of Resistance when it was struck and knocked out of position by enemy rocket fire that forced the abandonment of the gun. Exposing themselves to intense fire of enemy self-propelled guns, artillery, and small arms, Sergeant Keach and another man voluntarily crawled forward to retrieve the gun. Although wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Keach and the other man pushed on and securing the machine gun, brought it back to cover where it could be employed. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Clyde S. Lee, 33 185 760, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945 near Reipertsweiler, France. Leading his section of machine guns in an attack, Sergeant Lee discovered the rear flank of his company exposed to enemy rifle fire. By skillfully directing his machine gun fire, he destroyed these enemy and continued the advance. On finding a group of riflemen pinned down by fire from an enemy roadblock, Sergeant Lee placed his guns in action, organized the men, knocked out the hostile roadblock. Sergeant Lee's skillful leadership and courageous actions, assisted materially in assuring the continued advance of his company. Entered military service from West Monroe, Louisiana.

Arthur Shapiro, 12 043 064, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945 in the Hardt Mountains, France. While under heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Shapiro went forward with the point squad of a combat patrol and called for artillery fire. Despite his hazardous position, he remained with the forward elements of the patrol and accurately adjusted artillery fire, neutralizing enemy positions. Through Sergeant Shapiro's cool and courageous actions several enemy were killed and a strong enemy position was knocked out. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Arthur C. Sills, 36 957 466, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement on 8 April 1945, near Schwanfeld, Germany. On 8 April 1945, in Schwanfeld, Germany, Private Sills, while transporting troops in his 2 1/2-ton truck in company with other vehicles, entered the town which shortly thereafter came under observed enemy artillery fire, making it necessary that the vehicle be stopped in an exposed position. The troops on the truck attempted to dismount at this point but Private Sills realizing their hazardous position, ordered them to remain mounted, and then attempted to drive his truck to a covered position. While doing so several shells landed in the immediate vicinity at which he had first stopped, killing one and wounding seven. The clear thinking and aggressive action of Private Sills saved not only his vehicle, but also the lives of many of the troops. Entered military service from Berwyn, Illinois.

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James W. Vance, 37 640 502, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27-28 February 1945 near Wingen, France. Private Vance, accompanying a 40-man patrol whose mission it was to make and maintain contact with the enemy encountered two enemy machine gun nests. In a flanking attack on these positions, Private Vance, with others, destroyed both emplacements, in rapid succession. During these engagements Private Vance was exposed to intense hostile machine gun fire but he successfully carried out his assigned tasks. As a result of his courage and devotion to duty, at least eight of the enemy were killed, twelve wounded, and two prisoners captured, in addition to the destruction of two German machine guns. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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 individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations:

Marlin C. Clark, 37 696 307, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March to 15 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

Robert W. Hoene, 56 817 935, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January to 24 March 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Wisconsin.

William W. Stuckey, 35 079 772, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9-24 January 1945, inclusive, in France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Morton L. Weiser, 32 482 424, Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 February to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Camden, New Jersey.

III. 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:

Sam Rodich, 36 832 541, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 24 April 1945 near Unterbach, Germany. Corporal Rodich medical aid man, rendered first aid to three members of his platoon under an intense enemy artillery concentration. After taking the men to the aid station, he started to return to his platoon when he found another wounded man whom he assisted to the aid station. When he returned to his platoon, he dressed the wounds of his platoon leader. Through Corporal Rodich's skill and devotion to duty, five wounded men were given immediate aid, thereby reducing the possibility of further complications from their injuries. Entered military service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

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

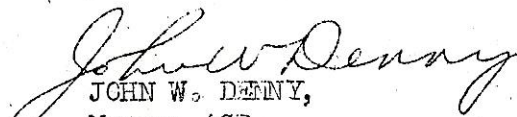
DELBERT L. ESTES, 20 822 159, Private First Class, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Germany, 3 April 1945. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

V. REVOCATION:.....So much of General Orders Number 33, this headquarters, 22 April 1945, as pertains to the awarding of the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class Lonnie R. Poole, 38 687 535, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

By command of Major General COLLINS:

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