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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JACK BAXTER, 02006896, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 March 1945 in Germany. Lieutenant Baxter was leading his company's assault platoon in a night attack on an enemy-held town when one of the supporting tanks moved out in front of the advancing troops. The tank crew, believing the element on the left flank to be German, began firing on this friendly unit. Although the tank was the target for enemy self-propelled gun fire, Lieutenant Baxter dashed to the moving tank and leaped upon it. Exposing himself to heavy small arms fire as well as the self-propelled gun fire, he climbed to the turret and, after attracting the crew's attention, stopped the tank from firing into the friendly troops. His courageous action undoubtedly saved many lives and enabled the company to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

RICHARD B. DOWIS, 37675448, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Sergeant Dowis, a squad leader, was advancing toward a pillbox as first scout, when he was fired on by the enemy from trenches which he had by-passed. Cut off by the enemy on all sides, he quickly opened fire with his sub-machine gun, and ran to the side of the pillbox. From here, although under intense fire, he steadfastly maintained his position and delivered accurate fire on the enemy. He killed two Germans, wounded several others and resisted all attempts to capture him. As a result of Sergeant Dowis' gallant actions, his company was enabled to move up and seize the pillbox, forcing the enemy to withdraw in disorder. Entered the Service from Washington, Iowa.

JOSEPH LAWTON, 35778595, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. On the night of 21 March 1945 Private First Class Lawton volunteered to lead a litter team to locate several wounded soldiers, who could not be evacuated during daylight hours. After finding the wounded men and helping the aid men treat their patients, he was leading them back to town, when he observed an enemy-occupied pillbox that had been by-passed during the attack. He then volunteered to lead a squad to attack the pillbox, and aggressively directed them in surrounding and taking the position, capturing 20 prisoners. As a result of Private First Class Lawton's courage and initiative, several wounded men were successfully evacuated, and a dangerous enemy position was destroyed. Entered the Service from Huntington, West Virginia.

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ROY H. COBB, 34653789, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945 in France. Tec 5 Cobb, a member of the aid station personnel, volunteered to act as litter bearer and help evacuate two seriously wounded soldiers from an area that was under heavy small arms and artillery fire. They had approached along a road to within 50 yards of the injured men, when an enemy machine gun opened fire on them, and Tec 5 Cobb was wounded. Despite the pain of his wound, he continued the remaining distance to the wounded soldiers and directed and helped in the administration of first aid. He then insisted that his comrades evacuate the other two men before returning for him. By his courageous devotion to duty, with utter disregard of his own personal safety, Tec 5 Cobb assured prompt medical attention to the two wounded men. Entered the Service from Westminster, South Carolina.

JAMES E. CLARK, 37504841, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. While Company L was advancing against Siegfried Line defenses, it was halted by intense fire coming from an enemy machine gun. A gap had to be cut through barbed wire before the machine gun position could be attacked, and Tec 5 Clark moved out on the hazardous mission. As he cut his way through the entanglement, the enemy concentrated heavy fire on him, but he persisted until he had completely cleared a path. He then valiantly ran toward the machine gun, firing his rifle as he advanced. His accurate fire killed the crew, and silenced the hostile weapon. As a result of Tec 5 Clark's courageous and aggressive act, his company was able to move through the barbed wire and continue its advance. Entered the Service from Eldon, Missouri.

CORNICE B. WILLINGHAM, 34998785, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Company G had been halted by intense machine gun fire coming from a pillbox 75 yards to the front. Private First Class Willingham, a bazookaman, immediately crawled forward to a point 25 yards from the emplacement. From there, while the enemy concentrated their fire on him, he courageously exposed himself and fired a bazooka round into the firing aperture of the pillbox. The accurately placed shell silenced the machine gun, killed one of its crew and wounded two others. Private First Class Willingham then gallantly led his comrades forward to assault the pillbox, capturing its nine occupants. Entered the Service from Hanceville, Alabama.

HAROLD N. WINFIELD, 36319309, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Winfield, a jeep driver, was delivering a radio to one of the forward companies, when the enemy strongly attacked the town. He immediately placed his jeep under cover and, despite mortar shells bursting around him and the heavy small arms fire, he took up a position on the street, near the company command post, to help defend the sector. Here he was subjected to fire from an enemy sniper. Unable to locate the sniper from his position on the street, he entered a building and exposed himself at an upper window. After two minutes he spotted the sniper and killed him. Although under enemy observation and fire, Private First Class Winfield then courageously remained at his exposed position, firing his weapon, until the counterattack had been repulsed. Entered the Service from Quincy, Illinois.

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RICHARD REZNICEK, 37479797, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. While Company G was reorganizing to continue the attack, the enemy unexpectedly counter-attacked from the left flank where the mortar section was waiting in a trench to support the rifle elements. Bravely exposing himself to heavy small arms fire and enemy grenades, Private First Class Reznicek immediately opened fire with his pistol at close range. After firing all of his ammunition, he picked up a German pistol, fired all its ammunition, and then seized a nearby rifle and continued firing. He killed or wounded five of the enemy and, although wounded, held the remainder back until a rifle platoon could maneuver into position. His daring initiative and outstanding bravery contributed materially to the repulse of the attack. Entered the Service from Burchard, Nebraska.

GEORGE R. GROB, 32304717, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Grob was with his mortar platoon when a force of friendly riflemen were delayed by a machine gun in a nearby farmhouse. A mortar was called for, but the only position from which it could be fired was under observation of the enemy. Private First Class Grob volunteered and, without assistance, set up the mortar despite heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. He scored several direct hits and silenced the enemy gun. By his courageous action a large group of riflemen were released from a precarious position and enabled to continue their advance. Entered the Service from Red Bank, New Jersey.

MYRL L. TOLLISON, 38665366, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. While Company G was reorganizing to continue the attack, the enemy unexpectedly counterattacked from the left flank where the mortar section was waiting in a trench to support the rifle elements. The mortarmen had given most of their small arms ammunition to the riflemen because of an acute shortage. Private First Class Tollison, who was closest to the enemy, asked his companions to pass him all their grenades and, despite heavy enemy small arms fire, raised up from the trench to hurl the grenades into the midst of the hostile troops. Although wounded, he dauntlessly maintained his position, retarding the enemy's advance and enabling the rest of the company to move to a more advantageous position. His brave and aggressive actions contributed materially to the repulse of the counterattack. Entered the Service from Ozark, Arkansas.

JAMES B. MAUGHLIN, 33887066, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bethesda, Maryland.

EDWARD H. MUTZ, 35064432, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. These men were scouts during the advance of their platoon against a Siegfried Line pillbox. Approaching the position, they valiantly moved out across 300 yards of open terrain under heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. They worked their way to a trench that led to the pillbox and, while bullets struck within a few feet of them, they moved up close to the pillbox and began throwing hand grenades inside. The courageous and aggressive actions of the above men enabled the remaining members of the platoon to work their way around and enter the pillbox from the rear, capturing three Germans, and wounding several others as they

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HARRY D. CARPENTER, 39621846, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. During a night attack, the 1st Platoon was halted by machine gun fire from a house. Private Carpenter, an acting squad leader, immediately placed his men in position to cover his movements, and crawled across the open ground to a shed approximately 15 yards from the window where the machine gun was emplaced. Undaunted by the hostile fire, he hurled two hand grenades, silencing the weapon. Moving to a corner of the building, he observed four of the enemy leaving by a back door. He quickly opened fire with his sub-machine gun, killing one of the enemy and forcing the other three to surrender. As a result of Private Carpenter's courageous and aggressive actions, the hostile strong point was destroyed and his platoon enabled to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Great Falls, Montana.

WILLIS A. SMITH, 34865541, Private, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. While attacking a pillbox in the Siegfried Line, two rifle platoons were halted by heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Private Smith valiantly crawled forward with his machine gun, undaunted by the bullets which were striking near him and the mortar shells which were bursting around him. He brought his gun to bear on the slits in the pillbox, killing two of the enemy and forcing the remaining occupants to cease firing. As Private Smith courageously covered the emplacement with his weapon, the riflemen moved up and seized the pillbox, taking 11 prisoners. Entered the Service from Walhalla, South Carolina.

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