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I. 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:

JAMES P. SWEENEY, 0516259, Captain, Chaplains Corps, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1945 in France. When the enemy laid a heavy artillery concentration on the 1st Battalion's forward command post, a direct hit demolished the battalion switchboard dugout. Although the effectiveness of the shellfire was increased by tree bursts, Chaplain Sweeney ran across the dangerous area to rescue the soldiers within the dugout. He began removing debris from the position and, in spite of the danger from the heavy shelling, worked tirelessly to free the wounded men. Two of the soldiers had been fatally wounded but Chaplain Sweeney succeeded in rescuing the third casualty and supervised his evacuation to the aid station. His courageous and gallant action materially aided in saving an injured man's life. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ORVILLE S. BRAUN, 01293001, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When the battalion command post was attacked by enemy tank and infantry elements, Lieutenant Braun, executive officer of Company L, led the support platoon into position on the enemy's flank. Exposing himself to hostile tank fire, he worked his way across the dangerous area to the battalion command post, bringing a wounded member of a friendly tank crew with him. Grasping the situation, he quickly returned to his men and led them in a counterattack against the numerically superior enemy. Under Lieutenant Braun's bold and aggressive leadership, his platoon killed approximately 12 hostile soldiers, captured 15 and destroyed an enemy tank, successfully driving back the attackers. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

WILLIAM BANDORICK, 6810570, First Sergeant, Company .., 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 October 1944 in France. While crossing a dangerous area to rejoin their unit, Sergeant Bandorick and his company runner were subjected to small arms fire from an undetermined number of enemy troops. As the runner attempted to withdraw, he was wounded in the left leg by automatic rifle fire. Sergeant Bandorick crawled to his injured comrade and started dragging him to a covered position. When the enemy again opened fire, he killed one of the hostile soldiers with a well-aimed shot. Finally reaching the cover of a ditch, he administered emergency treatment and then, securing litter bearers

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supervised the immediate evacuation of the wounded soldier. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life; assured his comrade of prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

JAMES L. TYLER, 37605336, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1945 in France. When enemy troops infiltrated a wooded area in an attempt to penetrate the 2d Battalion's defenses, Sergeant Tyler, a platoon sergeant in Company E, led 13 men to clear the sector. Upon contacting the hostile force, he directed his men to firing positions and moved forward under small arms fire to the ditch which sheltered the enemy. He opened fire with his sub-machine gun and, although a soldier near him was killed by the hostile fire, he remained determinedly in position until he could move his men forward under cover of a mortar barrage. Superior enemy fire power forced the group to withdraw. In the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant Tyler assumed command, and organized the platoon in a hasty defense and, during the ensuing enemy attack, skillfully maneuvered his men in driving back the hostile troops. Largely as a result of his bold and aggressive leadership, 45 of the enemy were killed or wounded and 163 were captured. Entered the Service from Hornersville, Missouri.

DOUGLAS K. HILL, 38050548, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 June 1944 in Italy. As acting leader of the 2d Platoon, Sergeant Hill was supporting a rifle platoon when an enemy counterattack forced the rifle elements to withdraw. The rifle platoon leader became a casualty, and confusion threatened the group. Exposing himself to small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Hill rallied the disorganized riflemen and, after restoring order, directed both platoons in a successful withdrawal to more advantageous positions. From this new defense, Sergeant Hill killed and wounded many of the hostile soldiers with fire from his sub-machine gun. Under his bold and aggressive leadership, the platoons repelled the counterattack and retook their original positions. Entered the Service from Forth Worth, Texas.

ROBERT M. DRUMMOND, 38039826, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 in France. During a heavy concentration of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, Tec 3 Drummond unhesitatingly left his covered position to aid a wounded comrade. Exposing himself to machine gun and rifle fire and hostile shelling, he ran across 50 yards of open terrain under direct enemy observation to reach the injured soldier. After administering first aid, he improvised a litter while still under fire, and without assistance he slowly dragged the wounded man back to a position of cover. By his magnificent courage under the most dangerous conditions, he saved the life of an injured soldier. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JOHN V. EGENBERGER, 37439399, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. Tec 4 Egenberger was painfully wounded when his tank was knocked out by self-propelled gun fire. The tank burst into flames and the crew was ordered to dismount and seek cover. While running from the tank, Tec 4 Egenberger looked back and saw his tank commander sprawled over the burning turret. He immediately ran back across the exposed area, freed the injured soldier from the tank and carried him through the artillery and mortar barrage to safety. He again braved the shellfire to

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secure an aid man and refused treatment for his own wounds until he had assisted in administering first aid to the tank commander. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life, was responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

EDWIN A. RACKOW, 38036505, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar concentration on the 2d Platoon's road block position, the gunner on a 57mm gun was killed and several crew members were wounded, leaving two guns unmanned. Observing the action from another position, Corporal Rackow dashed across 200 yards of open terrain under heavy small arms and mortar fire to reach one of the guns. While subjected to fire from two hostile machine guns, he spotted a column of approximately 25 enemy soldiers advancing to strengthen the attacking force. Loading and firing the gun by himself, he killed several of the enemy, wounded eight and completely disorganized the others. By his skill and aggressiveness, he contributed materially to the repulse of an enemy attack. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

ROBERT S. McCAMMON, 39286623, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. While Company A was occupying a defensive position on the outskirts of an important town, Private First Class McCammon, first gunner in a light machine gun squad, was assigned the mission of manning an outpost on a road leading into the town. The outpost, consisting of the single machine gun and crew and four supporting riflemen, was attacked by a numerically superior force of hostile troops. Although exposed to mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class McCammon swiftly put his machine gun into action against the enemy, sweeping the attackers with accurate bursts of fire. The hostile force concentrated heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire against his position, but he bravely maintained his post and continued manning his gun. During the intense fire fight, he killed or wounded approximately 25 of the enemy soldiers. His aggressiveness and determination were largely responsible for the repulse of the hostile assault. Entered the Service from Temple, Oklahoma.

CHAMBERS F. BRYSON, JR., 39286609, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. A combat patrol from Company G was assigned the mission of clearing a wooded area of enemy resistance. Private First Class Bryson, a company aid man, accompanied the patrol. Advancing across an open stretch of terrain, the friendly troops were suddenly subjected to rapid bursts of machine gun fire from a group of buildings, and two of the patrol members were seriously wounded. Confronted with superior fire power, the patrol was forced to withdraw to more secure positions, leaving the two casualties in the hazardous area. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Bryson valiantly faced the heavy hostile fire to aid the two men. With great difficulty he carried one of the injured soldiers across the fire-swept terrain to a place of safety. Then, working his way to the other casualty, who had been mortally wounded by the hostile fire, he remained with him until he died. Private First Class Bryson then returned to the first wounded man and, still braving the bursts of machine gun fire, assisted in evacuating him from the area. Entered the Service from Pasadena, California.

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JESSE M. PHIPPS, 37129953, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. When hostile troops attacked the strong point occupied by a heavy machine gun squad, the acting squad leader hesitated to open fire. Although his duties were those of ammunition carrier, Private First Class Phipps, realizing the seriousness of the situation, manned the gun and fired into the midst of the attackers. To obtain a better field of fire, he moved the gun forward to a more exposed position which was in full view of the enemy. In spite of hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire, he remained determinedly with his gun, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. By his daring, aggressive action, he was largely responsible for the repulse of the attack. Entered the Service from Greenville, Missouri.

II. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. So much of Section II, General Orders 412, this Headquarters, dated 23 October 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to PAUL J. THRIFFILEY, JR, 0446406, Second Lieutenant, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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

PAUL J. THRIFFILEY, JR., 0446406, Second Lieutenant, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Thriffiley, forward observer for Battery B, was advancing with the task force which his unit was supporting when his half track was subjected to heavy small arms and automatic fire and the lead vehicle of the task force was attacked by two enemy tanks. He immediately stopped his half-track and directed his men to take cover in a ditch beside the road. Fully aware of the danger involved, Lieutenant Thriffiley stood erect to observe the tanks, running back and forth between his radio in the vehicle and the position from which he could observe in order to adjust artillery fire on the tanks. Again exposing himself to the hostile small arms and tank fire, he returned to the radio to give the order to cease firing when short rounds endangered friendly personnel in the area. By his cool daring and steadfast devotion to duty, he forced the enemy tanks to withdraw and enabled the task force to continue its advance. Next of kin: Mr. Paul J. Thriffiley, Sr., 31 Alard Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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