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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

KENNETH L. IVEY, O1310847, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 August 1944 in France. Lieutenant Ivey was assigned the mission of leading a combat patrol in clearing enemy resistance from a tactically important valley. When the patrol was suddenly fired upon by machine guns and a 20mm gun, he swiftly directed his men into defensive positions and worked his way forward to reconnoiter the area. Realizing the urgency of silencing the 20mm gun, he placed a mortarman in an advantageous position and ordered him to concentrate his fire on the enemy weapon. After a direct hit destroyed the 20mm gun, Lieutenant Ivey led the assault against the hostile positions and directed his men in overwhelming the enemy. His bold and aggressive leadership resulted in the capture of 87 hostile soldiers and the death of a high-ranking enemy officer. Entered the Service from Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.

BARNEY KOZLOWSKI, O1822586, Second Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Lieutenant Kozlowski, a platoon leader in Company A, was assigned the mission of supporting an infantry battalion with his tank destroyers. Acting entirely on his own initiative, he moved his tank destroyer into position to clear a road block of felled trees which denied friendly troops the use of the only available supply route. Lieutenant Kozlowski dismounted and, with one of his men, advanced in the face of sniper, mortar and artillery fire to the road block. After skillfully deactivating the explosive charges of the booby-traps, he and his companion began removing the felled trees by attaching a cable to the trunks and to the tank destroyer and directing the vehicle in pulling the trees from the block. Although exposed to hostile fire, he never faltered in performing his self-imposed mission until, with all but five of the trees removed, he was seriously wounded by shell fragments. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JIMMIE W. HALLMAN, 20420622, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 August 1944 in France. As the 2d Battalion neared its objective, enemy infantry and tank elements, supported by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations, launched a determined counterattack. Sergeant Hallman, a squad leader in Company F, swiftly assembled his men and directed them in withdrawing to higher ground. Then, unable to contact the remainder of his platoon, he led his squad toward the battalion objective. Engaging the enemy in an intense fire fight, he and his men destroyed two machine guns, wounded three of the hostile soldiers, killed four and captured ten. Unaware that the

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remainder of the battalion had withdrawn, he held the battalion objective with his squad until relieved by other friendly troops. Entered the Service from Orlando, Florida.

RICHARD K. HUPMAN, 39124034, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in France. Sergeant Hupman, acting platoon leader, was assigned the mission of leading his platoon on a reconnaissance mission to the bank of a tactically important river. While crossing a flat, barren field which bordered the river bank, he and his men were subjected to grazing fire from enemy machine guns and heavy mortar shelling. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, Sergeant Hupman directed his platoon in withdrawing to the rear of the field. He remained in the hazardous area for two hours and did not seek cover for himself until all his men had reached a place of safety. After nightfall, he moved to the head of his platoon and led his men across the waist-deep, swift-flowing stream and directed them in establishing a road block on the hostile side of the river. Entered the Service from Monterey, California.

ROY E. JONES, 35729958, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B's defenses were threatened by a large scale enemy attack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Jones was the right guide, advanced down a mined road under enemy artillery fire to assist in driving back the hostile force. Entering a wooded area, he and his companions charged an observation post and completely routed the entire enemy group manning the position. During the attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main body of the enemy, Sergeant Jones, by assuring the squad leaders of full fire support, materially aided in killing 37 of the hostile force, capturing 30 and forcing the remainder to flee. Entered the Service from Columbus, Kentucky.

LEONARD A. OBERMEIER, 35259888, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. Sergeant Obermeier, a mortar observer, established his observation post in a power plant only 200 yards from hostile machine gun emplacements. He had begun adjusting mortar fire in support of an infantry attack when the enemy laid a heavy artillery barrage on the area. A direct hit almost demolished the building which housed his observation post, shattering the telephone line and severely wounding Sergeant Obermeier. Despite the intense pain of his injury and the heavy shellfire, he swiftly repaired the wire line and, refusing medical attention, continued directing accurate fire on the hostile positions. His skill and courage contributed materially to the success of the infantry assault. Entered the Service from Rockport, Indiana.

FRANK J. BELLUSCIO, 32055780, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Belluscio, a squad leader in his platoon, had his squad in defensive position when enemy infantry attacked, supported by concentrations of mortar and artillery fire. Alerting his platoon by throwing hand grenades and firing his rifle, he then moved, under full observation of the enemy, to one of the machine gun positions and accurately directed their fire. Returning to his platoon he directed so

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devastating a fire as to completely smash the enemy attack. By his alertness and decisive action in the face of heavy fire, an attack designed to endanger the entire battalion's position was repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM V. KALINAUSKAS, 32268076, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Freehold, New Jersey.

CLAIR M. SWOPE, 33574892, Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

for gallantry in action on 9 September 1944 in France. When the 1st Platoon of Company G was pinned to the ground by a heavy concentration of machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy strong point near a building on the crest of a hill, these men, acting on their own initiative, crawled under heavy fire to the right flank of the hill and approached the house from the rear. From a position within 25 yards of the strong point, they knocked out two machine gun nests with hand grenades and rifle fire, killing and wounding seven of the hostile soldiers. When a group of the enemy began running toward the building, 14 were taken prisoner, and the strong point was completely eliminated. The quick-thinking and courage of the above-named men enabled their platoon to accomplish its mission.

WILLIAM H. COCHRANE, 32598941, Sergeant (then Private), Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an important town, Company G occupied three houses in the center of an enemy road block and established an all-around defense. Spotting hostile troops, Private Cochrane immediately opened fire, tricking them into answering his fire and disclosing their position to friendly tank destroyers. Realizing that the tank destroyers alone could not clear the enemy-held houses nearby, he organized his squad for an assault. Under cover of his companions' fire, he charged one of the houses and, after hurling hand grenades through a window, he entered the house firing his sub-machine gun. As a result of his bold and aggressive action, two enemy soldiers were killed, one was wounded and five were captured. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN O. SLOAN, 34124861, Corporal, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Corporal Sloan, a gunner in a tank destroyer, accompanied his platoon leader in removing a road block of felled trees which denied friendly troops the use of the only available supply route. He dismounted from his tank destroyer and, with his platoon leader, advanced through sniper, mortar and artillery fire to the road block. After skillfully de-activating the explosive charges of the booby-traps, he and his companion began removing the felled trees by attaching a cable to the trunks and to the tank destroyer and directing the vehicle in pulling the trees from the block. Although exposed to hostile fire, he never faltered in performing his important mission until, with all but five of the trees removed, he was seriously wounded by shell fragments. Entered the Service from Woodruff, South Carolina.

WILLIAM V. HOWLAND, 34782870, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. During a strong enemy attack against Company F, the house occupied by Tec 5 Howland, a platoon aid man, received a direct hit from a hostile tank. Although

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painfully wounded himself, he carried five casualties to the cellar of the building and there administered emergency treatment. He then braved heavy machine gun fire to aid an injured soldier lying in the street. When the order to withdraw was given, he again exposed himself to the hostile fire to obtain additional men to assist in evacuating the wounded. He remained in the hazardous position until ordered by his platoon leader to withdraw. As a result of his resourcefulness and personal courage, five injured soldiers were given prompt medical treatment and were safely evacuated. Entered the Service from Coral Gables, Florida.

ERNEST L. CHAVEZ, 39564961, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. The 3d Platoon was assigned the mission of flanking a hostile strong point. Private First Class Chavez, an automatic rifleman in the platoon, hurled hand grenades into a cellar occupied by enemy infantrymen. He killed two of the hostile soldiers, wounded three and captured eight. Approaching a second house, he covered his comrades in assaulting the building from the rear. When the enemy attempted to escape from the front of the house, he swiftly opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing two, wounding one and assisting in the capture of twelve. His courage and aggressiveness while he was under sniper and mortar fire, were a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES E. SULLIVAN, 36713975, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While advancing across open, snow-covered terrain, a platoon of Company I was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire which forced it to withdraw. Private First Class Sullivan, an aid man with the platoon, assisted the casualties in withdrawing from the untenable position. When he discovered a seriously wounded soldier who was unable to move, he picked him up and, carrying the injured man over his shoulder, began running toward the friendly lines. By running short distances and then hitting the ground, he succeeded in carrying the casualty through heavy small arms fire to safety. His gallant action, at the risk of his own life, inspired the respect and confidence of the supported riflemen. Entered the Service from Logan, Illinois.

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