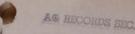




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HE-DQUARTERS 36TH INFAMTRY DIVISION APO #36, U. S. Army

10 January 1945

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I. <u>POSTHULOUS .W.RD OF SILVER STAR</u>. Under the provisions of army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in France. Company G was subjected to a violent enemy counterattack, and intense small arms, mortar and rifle grenade fire threatened to disorganize the unit. To prevent the imminent disaster, Private First Class Meaver, a gunner in a light machine gun section, voluntarily put his weapon into action in an exposed position on a cliff. From this vantage point he directed accurate bursts of machine gun fire into the midst of the attackers, momentarily halting their advance. Although he became the target for direct small arms fire, he remained dauntlessly in position and continued inflicting heavy casualties on the hostile force. When he spotted an enemy soldier creeping toward him, Private First Class Weaver seized his rifle and opened fire, wounding the man. Almost instantly he was killed by a hostile sniper who had observed the action. Next of kin: Mrs. Weeighty Weaver (Mother), Atlanta, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVE STAR. Under the provisions of army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is avarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

KENNETH O. PITNER, 01703059, Second disutement, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 September 1944 in France. Company B was advancing through a densely wooded area in an attack against nostile positions when the enemy suddenly opened fire with machine guns, mortars and artillery. Casualties were heavy and disorganization threatened the company. Lieutement Pitner, executive officer, began crawling about among the men, directing them to advantageous positions and encouraging them by his example of intrepidity. When he spotted an enemy machine gun crew which had flanked the company and was about to open fire from the rear, he swiftly shifted his position and, firing his own rifle, directed the fire of his men against the hostile force. The enemy was dispersed and routed by the effective fire. Lieutement Pitner fearlessly exposed himself to the continued shelling in order to reorganize the company into a well-coordinated unit and continue the assault. Intered the Service

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