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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4.5, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

CLARENCE A. O'LEARY, 20600991, Sergeant, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (mcz), for gallantry in action on 23 March 1945 in Germany. Sergeant O'Leary was in a jeep leading an armored car into a city as advance elements of his platoon, when he suddenly encountered an enemy group of approximately company strength. He immediately ordered all weapons to fire, and both vehicles rushed forward, spraying the street with fire from three machine guns. The vehicles were brought to a sudden halt when the enemy pushed a wagon across the street; but Sergeant O'Leary continued to fire his rifle until he was instantly killed by an enemy shell. By his daring and aggressive leadership, he assisted in preventing the enemy from forming a defense of the town. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances O'Leary (mother), 632 East Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas.

GUS CADWELL, JR., 36461119, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Private First Class Cadwell's squad was attacking positions in the Siegfried Line, when it was halted by intense machine gun and rifle fire. Without hesitation Private First Class Cadwell, an automatic rifleman, immediately moved to an exposed position and opened fire on the machine gun. While his accurate fire neutralized the machine gun, the other members of his squad were enabled to move up to his position. Private First Class Cadwell again valiantly moved forward across an open area, but as he took up his new position he was seriously wounded by the enemy fire. Despite the extreme pain of his wounds, he maintained his fire on the hostile machine gun, enabling his comrades to assault the position and put it out of action. His gallant act materially aided his company in securing its objective. Private First Class Cadwell died of the wounds received while performing this deed. Next of kin: Mr. Gus Cadwell, Sr. (Father), 1411 17th Street, Galveston, Texas.

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II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

OWEN F. ZIMMERMAN, 37163656, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action from 21 to 23 September 1944 in France. When his platoon was stopped by a road block and minefields, Sergeant Zimmerman voluntarily made a foot reconnaissance of the heavily mined terrain under enemy artillery and mortar fire. He led his tank destroyers over the route which he had reconnoitered, pressing forward in support of the infantry troops until a second road block, covered by fire from an antitank gun on high ground, stopped the advance. While on a reconnaissance to locate the hostile positions, the infantry commander was wounded by machine gun fire. Sergeant Zimmerman covered the officer's withdrawal with his rifle and then, returning to his platoon, directed fire which silenced the enemy guns. As a result of his personal valor and intrepid leadership, the tank destroyers effectively supported the attack against a town. Sergeant Zimmerman died of wounds received in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Frank L. Zimmerman (Father), 1617 Princeton Avenue, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

III. 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 R. SHEFFIELD, 0390298, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Lieutenant Sheffield and a fellow officer had the mission of leading a group to make contact with a platoon of friendly soldiers cut off by the enemy. To approach the area it was necessary to cross a bridge and a heavily mined field under intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. As they advanced a bursting shell wounded four men, and the two officers personally supervised the evacuation of the injured soldiers. They found the surrounded platoon in one of three buildings and, undaunted by heavy bazooka and rifle grenade fire from the other two houses, they immediately led an assault that captured six of the enemy and drove off the rest. A machine gun then opened fire from nearby woods, and Lieutenant Sheffield and his fellow officer courageously led an assault which destroyed the hostile weapon, killing three enemy soldiers and capturing an additional four. Entered the Service from Leaksville, North Carolina.

WERNER HIRSCH, 32953818, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Vineland, New Jersey.

LESLIE A. NASH, 34077119, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Many, Louisiana.

for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. These men, and one comrade, had the mission of evacuating two seriously wounded soldiers from a minefield. Shells were bursting in the area, and the minefield was under enemy

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observation. After advancing 400 yards to the edge of the minefield, they saw the wounded men some distance inside. Without hesitation they started across, but just as they reached the injured soldiers, an enemy machine gun opened fire on them. Two men at once picked up one of the patients on a litter, and the third man carried the other on his back; and with bullets striking the ground within inches of them they carried their heavy burdens to the shelter of a barn 75 yards away. Here they administered aid and, with the help of others, evacuated the wounded soldiers to the aid station.

ANTHONY T. ROGALSKI, 6667533, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. While advancing through Siegfried Line defenses, Private First Class Rogalski's squad suddenly encountered intense machine gun fire from its right flank; and the men were prevented by barbed wire entanglements from reaching cover quickly. Private First Class Rogalski immediately stood upright and, while bullets struck within two feet of him, began delivering heavy automatic rifle fire into the enemy position. He remained in his exposed position, neutralizing the hostile fire, until the other members of his squad found cover in a trench. After he joined them in the trench, they were again subjected to heavy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he left the trench and advanced toward the enemy position, firing his automatic rifle. Private First Class Rogalski's gallant and aggressive action so demoralized the hostile soldiers that the crew of four surrendered, enabling his squad to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN P. KLIMEK, 6143913, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. While advancing to attack an enemy pillbox in the Siegfried Line defenses, Company B was halted by heavy machine gun fire from a well-entrenched position. Although his companions were pinned to the ground by the hostile fire, Private First Class Klimck, acting on his own initiative, crawled toward the enemy weapon. With artillery shells crashing in the vicinity and machine gun bullets striking around him, he crawled to the top of a small knoll. Taking careful aim with his rifle, he killed one German and silenced the machine gun. By his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, he eliminated a hostile threat and enabled his unit to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Lewiston, Maine.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

MICHAEL WARNOCK, 01315676, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Lieutenant Warnock and a fellow officer had the mission of leading a group to make contact with a platoon of friendly soldiers cut off by the enemy. To approach the area it was necessary to cross a bridge and a heavily mined field under intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. As they advanced a bursting shell wounded four men, and the two officers personally supervised the evacuation of the injured soldiers. They found the surrounded platoon in one of three buildings and, undaunted by heavy bazooka and rifle grenade fire from the other two houses, they

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immediately led an assault that captured six of the enemy and drove off the rest. A machine gun then opened fire from nearby woods, and Lieutenant Warnock and his fellow officer courageously led an assault which destroyed the hostile weapon, killing three enemy soldiers and capturing an additional four. Entered the Service from Yonkers, New York.

HENRY L. HODES, 01015411, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Lieutenant Hodes was leading a platoon of tanks in support of an infantry unit during an attack. The enemy was well entrenched on both sides of the road; and the infantry were unable to drive them from their positions. As the tanks moved up in support, their crews were forced by the intense small arms fire to close their hatches. Lieutenant Hodes immediately moved on foot to the leading tank and, although the road afforded no cover, he led the tank forward to a point where fire could be directed upon the enemy. He courageously remained in his exposed position, while bullets and mortar shells struck around him, directing devastating tank fire upon the entrenched Germans. As a result of Lieutenant Hodes' gallant and aggressive actions, the friendly infantry were able to advance, capturing 56 of the enemy and killing 20 Germans. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

RAY W. BENNETT, 35430991, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. On entering a section of woods during a night attack, the 2d Platoon received heavy small arms fire from the left flank and suffered several casualties. Sergeant Bennett observed that a machine gun on the edge of the woods was delivering the most troublesome fire, and moved out to assault it. He crawled across approximately 60 yards of open flooded ground, and reached a position in the rear of the hostile gun. From here he threw two hand grenades and quickly fired two magazines of ammunition from his sub-machine gun. His effective fire destroyed the enemy machine gun and killed the four-man crew. Sergeant Bennett's daring and aggressive action enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Huntington, West Virginia.

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