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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:

GLENN A. GOFF, 01284130, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 19 to 22 March 1945 in Germany. As Company F attacked the first of a series of pillboxes in the Siegfried Line, the men encountered heavy automatic weapons fire from another pillbox on the right. In the face of intense small arms and mortar fire Captain Goff, the commanding officer, personally led the support platoon over felled trees and barbed wire entanglements to a position 40 yards in front of the second pillbox. After exposing himself to direct the fire of his men into the apertures of the emplacement and neutralize the hostile fire, he returned to the other platoons and, leading them in a bold maneuver, seized both pillboxes and captured 15 prisoners. During the four day period the men of Company F, under Captain Goff's gallant and aggressive leadership, assaulted and seized 19 enemy pillboxes, killed 30 Germans and captured 150 prisoners. Entered the Service from De Sota, Missouri.

RICHARD B. BLACKWELL, 0537843, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 in France. While crossing a flat, open field to attack an enemy-held town, the assault platoons were subjected to machine gun fire from a position to the left front. Lieutenant Blackwell, a platoon leader, directed artillery fire on the emplacement and neutralized the German gun. He then placed his men in advantageous positions and, despite heavy fire from other enemy machine guns, went forward alone. While working his way through a barbed wire entanglement, he was wounded by machine gun bullets, but he continued dauntlessly forward to a house which was in the center of the field. When a friendly tank moved forward to support the attack, Lieutenant Blackwell immediately left the cover of the house and, braving the hostile fire, directed the tank crew in neutralizing another of the enemy guns. Only after his platoon had seized its objective and he had directed its reorganization would Lieutenant Blackwell go to the aid station for treatment three hours after being wounded. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

EARL V. CRIBBS, 35277572, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. While Company I was attacking through a densely wooded area, the assault platoon was halted by heavy machine gun fire from a German emplacement. Acting entirely on his own initiative, Sergeant Cribbs, the platoon sergeant, began crawling forward under

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the rapid bursts of fire. He reached a position within 20 yards of the enemy gun emplacement and, bravely exposing himself to the hostile fire, hurled two hand grenades into the strong point. His valiant action eliminated the machine gun position and enabled his platoon to continue forward and seize its objective. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

DOUGLAS E. MAC DONALD, 31464370, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon was the assault element in attacking enemy positions on a hill when the men were halted by intense fire from two machine guns. In the face of the enemy fire Private First Class MacDonald, an automatic rifleman, immediately started crawling toward the hostile position. On reaching an exposed position he became the target for the heavy enemy fire, but he valiantly opened fire with his automatic rifle. As bullets struck around him, he continued to deliver heavy and accurate fire until he had put one enemy machine gun out of action and forced the crew of the other to surrender. As a result of his gallant and aggressive actions, his comrades were able to advance and seize their objective. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JOHN H. NASSAR, 31446898, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 in France. Acting as first scout, Private First Class Nassar was leading the 2d Platoon through a wooded area when he was suddenly subjected to enemy machine gun and sniper fire from a bunker 200 yards to the front. Bravely exposing himself to the hostile fire, he advanced alone toward the position and began firing rifle grenades at the enemy group. His effective fire silenced the machine gun, killed two Germans and forced four others to surrender. Later, while establishing a defensive position, the platoon was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack which almost completely eliminated the 3d Squad. After killing a German sniper, Private First Class Nassar braved hostile machine gun fire to reorganize the sector which the 3d Squad had occupied and to lead his men in repelling the counterattack. Entered the Service from Warren, Rhode Island.

EMIL W. BURES, 31045821, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. The enemy was attacking lightly-manned defensive positions in a town, and Corporal Bures was assigned the mission of supporting the friendly troops with his self-propelled gun. He reconnoitered the area and then moved his gun to a favorable firing position. When the gunner was wounded, he began firing the gun himself. As the enemy directed small arms and artillery fire at this position and bullets and shrapnel ricocheted from the vehicle, he determinedly engaged the hostile troops at a range of only 100 yards and, with his accurate fire, killed 25 Germans and captured six others. The enemy made three attempts to infiltrate the friendly positions, but so skillfully and aggressively did Corporal Bures deploy and fire his weapon that all the attacks were repelled. Entered the Service from Shelton, Connecticut.

EARL W. RAPP, 33377259, Sergeant, Company B, 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. When strong enemy forces attacked his platoon's position, Sergeant Rapp, a squad leader, placed his men

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in position and opened fire on the hostile troops. His accurate fire killed or wounded five of the enemy. Heavy casualties made it necessary for the platoon to withdraw; and Sergeant Rapp remained steadfastly in position in the face of automatic weapons and mortar fire, delivering covering fire until the last man had withdrawn. He then infiltrated through the enemy lines, waded 200 yards through a chest-deep stream and reported to his commanding officer. Later that day, when most of the enemy force had been driven back, he gallantly led a patrol to reconnoiter the position and brought back two comrades who had been seriously wounded during the fight. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES A. WOOD, 35338129, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1944 in France. Sergeant Wood was riding in the leading vehicle during the regiment's advance when the enemy suddenly opened fire with a 20mm flak gun, a machine gun and several rifles, forcing the men to leave their vehicles and take cover in a ditch beside the road. Realizing the necessity for immediate action, Sergeant Wood ran back to his car and, exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, began operating the machine gun mounted on the vehicle. After his accurate fire had forced the Germans to remove the flak gun, he went back to the ditch and began firing his carbine at the enemy. Although severely wounded, he valiantly continued forward, killing one German, wounding another, and forcing the machine gun crew to withdraw. His gallant actions eliminated the enemy strong point and enabled the regiment to move forward without delay. Entered the Service from South Whitley, Indiana.

EDWARD E. BROWN, 37086900, Corporal, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. When the 1st Platoon was halted by machine gun fire from a pillbox in the Siegfried Line and was subjected to a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire, Corporal Brown, a squad leader, suggested a plan of action to his platoon leader and was given the mission of assaulting the position with a squad of men. Placing his men to deliver covering fire, he crawled around to the flank of the pillbox and worked his way forward alone. Observing two Germans outside, who were apparently acting as security guard, he killed them with two well-aimed shots and, with another shot, killed a machine gunner who was preparing to fire through one of the apertures of the pillbox. Corporal Brown's courageous and aggressive actions enabled the remainder of the platoon to advance and seize the position, taking two prisoners. Entered the Service from Laramie, Wyoming.

JOHNNIE S. BLEAR, 38037582, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 March 1945 in Germany. Tec 5 Blear, a truck driver, was voluntarily driving a self-propelled gun in an armored task force when an enemy bazooka shell struck directly in front of his vehicle and painfully wounded him. Although dazed, he skillfully maneuvered his vehicle to keep on the road. After receiving treatment for his wounds, he was awaiting evacuation when a call for reinforcements came from the leading tank as it attempted to enter a town. Realizing that no other drivers were available, Tec 5 Blear again volunteered to drive his vehicle forward. Reaching the scene of action, he helped in destroying six machine guns and an antitank gun, killing or wounding 18 Germans and capturing the crew of the antitank gun. When the road into town had been opened, he was evacuated for medical treatment. Entered the Service from Gilmer, Texas.

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CHESTER L. DAVIS, 33679501, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. While in a defensive position Company E was subjected to heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and Private First Class Davis heard the cries of a wounded soldier in an open field. As no aid man was available he immediately crawled to the side of the injured man, administered first aid and returned to the platoon command post to secure a litter team. Unable to obtain help, he crawled back to the casualty. He started carrying him to a place of safety 100 yards away. As he moved along with his heavy burden, two Germans suddenly opened fire on him at close range. Immediately firing his rifle, he killed both hostile soldiers and reached the place of safety from which he directed the evacuation of his patient. By his gallant and determined actions, Private First Class Davis saved the life of his wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Franklin, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW C. RIEGER, 42136159, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. The 1st Platoon was advancing through a forest when the men were halted by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy dugout directly in front. Private First Class Rieger, with complete disregard for his own safety, immediately exposed himself to the hostile fire and began crawling toward the strong point approximately 50 yards away. Reaching a position nearby, he hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, wounding one German and forcing the remaining ten to surrender. As a result of his magnificent courage and daring initiative, the members of the platoon were able to continue their advance and successfully accomplish their mission. Entered the Service from Woodside, New York.

GEORGE LIER, 42062890, Private, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in France. As Private Lier's squad advanced against enemy positions, a hostile machine gun opened fire, killing a comrade and wounding the squad leader. Private Lier threw a hand grenade at the machine gun position, momentarily silencing the hostile fire and enabling the wounded man to crawl to a defiladed position. Private Lier then started running across the open toward his squad leader, but he was wounded by the enemy fire. Despite the pain of his wound, he ran the remaining distance and administered first aid to his comrade. He then delivered heavy and accurate rifle fire on the enemy machine gun position, killing one of the crew, wounding another and forcing the remaining members to withdraw. After gallantly silencing the enemy fire, he returned to his squad leader and helped him to reach aid men before receiving treatment for his own wound. Entered the Service from New York, N. Y.

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