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Award of Silver Star.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....II

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:

EVAN E. VOSS, 36805153, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B was threatened by a large scale enemy counterattack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Voss led the 1st Squad, advanced down a mined road under hostile artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Upon learning the enemy's exact location, Sergeant Voss coordinated his squad with the other two squads in assaulting a hostile observation post in a wooded sector. After reducing the position, he led his men in an attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main force of the enemy. While directing the fire of his squad, he personally killed five hostile soldiers. His skillful leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack in which 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 captured without a single casualty to the 3d Platoon. Entered the Service from Manawa, Wisconsin.

GERHARD A. MILLER, 36236357, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. While supporting a rifle company in the defense, Corporal Miller, gunner in a machine gun squad, spotted a group of enemy soldiers attempting to flank the unit's position. His effective fire forced the enemy to withdraw to a house approximately 100 yards away. Corporal Miller then led two men across exposed terrain to a small ditch and along the ditch to within a short distance of the building. He directed his men in delivering accurate machine gun fire into the hostile position. As a result of his aggressive action, three of the enemy were killed, several more were wounded, and the remainder were forced to flee. Entered the Service from Watertown, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES, 39180470, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. During an artillery and mortar barrage, a soldier was helping his three wounded comrades from a disabled tank when the tank suddenly burst into flames and its reserve ammunition began exploding. Realizing the danger to the wounded men, Tec 5 Hughes, an aid man with a rifle company, unhesitatingly left his place of comparative safety and ran across open terrain under heavy shellfire to aid the casualties. After completing three round trips across the shelled area, carrying each of the men to a covered position, he skillfully administered first aid and supervised their evacuation. He again braved the hostile fire to reach two casualties lying beyond the tank and, upon reaching them, discovered that

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both were dead. His courage and devotion to duty inspired the respect and confidence of his comrades. Entered the Service from Tacoma, Washington.

GERALD N. CAMPBELL, 36869253, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. When his company was ordered to withdraw from an untenable position, Private First Class Campbell moved to an open window in a house and, although he was exposed to hostile small arms and tank fire, remained to cover his unit's withdrawal. When all his comrades had left the area, he rejoined his company. While crossing an ice-covered stream under heavy enemy fire, a wounded soldier broke through the thin ice. Private First Class Campbell unhesitatingly plunged into the icy water and rescued him. Although wounded by an enemy rifleman while crossing an open field, he refused medical treatment and continued helping his injured comrade until they reached a place of safety. His determination and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to the members of his organization. Entered the Service from Ferndale, Michigan.

ROLLY W. WALKER, 36892759, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. When an enemy tank, supported by two other tanks firing from a nearby road junction, attacked a house occupied by a squad of the 1st Platoon, the squad was forced to withdraw. Private First Class Walker, a member of another squad, approached the abandoned house with a companion in an attempt to deliver bazooka fire on the tank. Entering the house, he and his comrade exposed themselves to fire from the tank, now only 25 yards away, in order to reach an advantageous position. Opening fire, they scored a direct hit on the turret, killing the enemy machine gunner, and left the house just as two shells from the tank crashed through the building. By his courage and aggressiveness, Private First Class Walker helped eliminate a serious threat to the safety of his unit. Entered the Service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

JOSEPH J. EUSTACHEWICH, 42101935, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. The area occupied by Company C was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage; and a nearby tank, receiving a direct hit, burst into flames. Private First Class Eustachewich, a platoon aid man, left his place of comparative safety and swiftly ran across an open field to a wounded man lying beside the tank. Although exposed to mortar and machine gun fire, he carried the casualty 50 yards alone and then, with the assistance of the tank commander, over the remaining 20 yards to a covered position. While searching for litter bearers, Private First Class Eustachewich was knocked unconscious by a shell concussion. Regaining consciousness a few minutes later, he located several riflemen who evacuated the injured soldier. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life, assured the wounded man of prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

JOHN A. KELLY, SR., 34899116, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Kelly was a member of a machine gun squad assigned the mission of supporting Company G's defenses. During a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, he spotted a group of enemy soldiers forming in preparation for an attack. Realizing that it was impossible to fire from his present position, he voluntarily moved

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his machine gun through direct hostile fire to a vacated automatic rifle emplacement. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on his position, he swiftly put his weapon into action and, with rapid, accurate bursts of fire, wounded several of the crew members and silenced the gun. Later, Private First Class Kelly observed a ten-man patrol approaching the friendly lines. Again opening fire, he killed or wounded all ten of the hostile soldiers. His prompt and aggressive actions enabled his battalion to reorganize and consolidate its defenses. Entered the Service from Elkin, North Carolina.

FREDERICK F. KREIGELSTEIN, 36768678, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Kreigelstein, an aid man with Company L, moved across a wooded area under rifle and machine gun fire to assist a wounded comrade. While he was administering emergency treatment to the casualty, an enemy rifleman opened fire on him from a position behind a tree. Aware of the necessity for aggressive action, Private First Class Kreigelstein, although unarmed, charged the hostile soldier and, using a piece of wood as a weapon, drove him away. As the enemy rifleman ran, he was shot down by a friendly soldier nearby. As a result of Private First Class Kreigelstein's courageous action, his injured comrade was assured of immediate first aid treatment and prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from Maywood, Illinois.

JAMES W. ARNOLD, 37540844, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and capturing an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. By using a three-man rubber boat in establishing a shuttle system, Private Arnold, a rifleman in the 1st Squad, and his companions crossed the canal under harassing artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 1st Squad was ordered to secure the road leading off the opposite end of the island and to reduce hostile strong points along the route of advance. When his squad encountered enemy resistance in a burned factory, Private Arnold worked his way to an advantageous position and delivered accurate fire against the hostile position, assisting materially in driving the enemy from the building. Approaching a strong point in an air raid shelter, he advanced to within a few yards of the dugout and wounded the sentry with his rifle fire. Swiftly moving forward, he hurled a hand grenade into the entrance of the dugout, forcing 26 hostile soldiers to surrender and seriously wounding several others. Driving relentlessly forward, he and his comrades attained their objective in a minimum of time, and the strategically important island was captured by the friendly troops. Entered the Service from Topeka, Kansas.

II. 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:

EDWIN RAMBO, 01012296, Captain, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in France. Hostile troops infiltrated the friendly lines and cut off a rifle company from the remainder of the battalion. Captain Rambo volunteered to overrun the hostile positions with his tanks so that the beleaguered company could maneuver and destroy the enemy force. Riding in the lead

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tank, he pressed forward through heavy bazooka, small arms and self-propelled weapons fire. He skillfully directed his tanks in firing on the enemy strong points, successfully overrunning the hostile positions and contacting the isolated company. During the action, he captured two enemy soldiers who revealed valuable information concerning the disposition and strength of the hostile force. His skillful and aggressive leadership assured the rifle company of close support and enabled the troops to repel a series of counterattacks. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ELMER S. WARD, O1683477, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant Ward, leader of the 1st Platoon of Company F, was assigned the mission of attacking a strong enemy machine gun position on a wooded hill. He led three attacks against the strong point, advancing ahead of his men in the face of heavy machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire. On the third attack he weakened the hostile defenses and discovered the weak spot in the enemy line. Swiftly reorganizing his platoon, now depleted by numerous casualties, he led a fourth assault and, inspiring his men by his example of intrepidity, drove forward to seize his objective. Entered the Service from Iwahoe, Texas.

ROY E. NELSON, 36752493, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B was threatened by a large scale enemy counterattack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Nelson led the 3d Squad, advanced down a mined road under hostile artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Upon learning the enemy's exact location, Sergeant Nelson coordinated his squad with the other two squads in assaulting a hostile observation post in a wooded sector. After reducing the position, he led his men in an attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main force of the enemy. Braving machine gun and automatic weapons fire, he directed his squad in firing on the enemy troops and personally killed three of the hostile soldiers. His aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack in which 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 captured without a single casualty to the 3d Platoon. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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