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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

WYNETT S. SHAFER, G405321, Lieutenant Colonel, commanding 3d Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1945 in France. "His communications with Company I proved inadequate for the rapidly changing situation, Lieutenant Colonel Shafer went forward to direct the attack. Accompanied by a runner and radio operator, he crossed a river under direct enemy observation and fire from self-propelled guns. Then, undaunted by heavy mortar fire, he crossed 1000 yards of open field to enter the town under assault. After issuing orders for continuing the attack, he moved under sniper fire to the forward elements to encourage them and direct their fire. When he had assured himself that the attack was progressing satisfactorily, he returned by the same hazardous route. Lieutenant Colonel Shafer's courageous and aggressive leadership materially aided the battalion in attaining its objective. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

OWEN C. SANDERS, G128514, Captain, 148th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 and 27 November 1944 in France. Ordered to clear the left section of a strongly fortified enemy town, Captain Sanders led Company C through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to seize a factory and its adjacent buildings. At that time further progress was halted by hostile machine guns and tanks, he set up a strong defense, and repulsed the attack on the following morning. Exposing himself to machine gun and mortar fire, he directed two tanks and two tank destroyers to the best positions for supporting the attacking riflemen. Then, despite heavy enemy fire of all types, he personally led his assault platoons in clearing the assigned sector of the town. As a result of his skillful and courageous leadership, many Germans were killed and wounded and approximately 100 were captured. Entered the Service from Libby, Montana.

HAROLD E. WILDER, G179677, First Lieutenant, 148th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Wilder was advancing with his platoon to seize a bridge, when his men were halted by heavy fire from a machine gun guarding the bridge. He deployed the platoon and immediately moved forward alone, crawling through water-filled ditches and crouching from tree to tree, until within a few yards of the hostile weapon. He then hurled two hand grenades into the position, killing one of the crew, wounding another and destroying the gun. By his gallant actions, Lieutenant Wilder enabled his platoon to seize the bridge and establish a strong defense of the area. Entered the Service from Seattle, Alaska.

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JOHN P. MC CORMICK, 01304255, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945 in France. When three soldiers on a night reconnaissance patrol were wounded in an enemy minefield, Lieutenant Mc Cormick swiftly organized a rescue party and, proceeding on hands and knees, led the way into the mined area. Feeling every inch of the ground and removing the mines which he located, he cleared a path as he progressed. Proceeding for approximately 100 yards, the party reached the two nearer casualties and carried them to safety. Then Lieutenant Mc Cormick led the way 100 yards further to the third man. Here a member of the rescue party stepped on a mine and was wounded. Finally, after four hours of gruelling work, the rescue party, under Lieutenant Mc Cormick's intelligent and courageous leadership, succeeded in removing all of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered the Service from Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

JOHN L. HOOVER, 01331626, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. On his first combat mission as a platoon leader, Lieutenant Hoover valiantly exposed himself to hostile small arms fire to lead his men and direct their attack. When the advance was halted by intense enemy rifle fire from a house, he deployed his men as a case of fire, and then assaulted the house, killing two Germans and capturing seven. Despite a painful wound received in this action, he continued on his mission. When the platoon approached a building that the enemy had converted into a strong point, Lieutenant Hoover directed a flanking maneuver which protected his men from sniper fire as they assaulted the position. His brilliant and gallant leadership enabled his platoon to seize its objective, killing eight Germans and capturing 57 prisoners. Entered the Service from Anniston, Ala.

JOHN W. PARKER, 20807649, First Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in Italy. When Company B came under the cross-fire of six well-emplaced machine guns and the commanding officer was wounded, First Sergeant Parker assumed command. After securing and distributing additional ammunition, he exposed himself to the enemy fire to move about among his men, encouraging them and directing their fire. The hostile fire increased to a point which rendered the position untenable, and Sergeant Parker was wounded. Despite the pain of his wound, he skillfully withdrew his men and reorganized them in a stronger position. He then supervised the evacuation of the wounded, and continued to command his company for more than an hour until the arrival of an officer. By his courageous and aggressive actions he maintained his company as a fighting unit at a critical time. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

JOHN G. TYSON, 38027518, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 August 1944 in France. When an enemy armored column approached, Sergeant Tyson, platoon sergeant of the Antitank Platoon, moved an antitank gun and a 50 caliber machine gun to a forward position. In the engagement that followed, valiantly exposing himself to the heavy fire of enemy small arms and tanks, he directed accurate fire on the enemy. When wounded, he refused to be evacuated. As the enemy pressure increased, he withdrew his men and reorganized them in a more favorable position. From here they halted the advance of the hostile tanks. Sergeant Tyson's courageous and aggressive leadership enabled his men to stop the enemy thrust which threatened nearby friendly infantry tanks. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

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DEMPSEY E. ALBRITTON, 34783201, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. During the attack against the strongly fortified Siegfried line defenses, the leader of the 2d Platoon was wounded and evacuated, and Sergeant Albritton, the acting platoon sergeant, immediately assumed command. Although he had never before acted as platoon leader, he skillfully kept his men organized and led them in spearheading the company's attack. Exposing himself to heavy enemy small arms fire, he moved among the members of his platoon, directing their fire and encouraging them forward. He led the attack against the enemy pillboxes, personally neutralizing the hostile fire while his men maneuvered into position. His outstanding leadership and personal valor contributed greatly to the success of his company's attack. Entered the Service from Bowling Green, Florida.

HOWARD W. CAMPBELL, 34921035, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. When Company G attacked to close the gap between its own line and the greatly extended positions of Company E, the unit was stopped by heavy machine gun fire from a hostile force which had infiltrated behind a platoon of Company E. Sergeant Campbell requested permission to investigate this gun position. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, he courageously assaulted the emplacement, killing the gunner, capturing two crew members and eliminating the machine gun position. By his gallant and aggressive action in clearing the area behind his platoon's defenses, Sergeant Campbell contributed materially to the success of Company G's attack. Entered the Service from Bristol, Tennessee.

SYDNEY B. CRANE, 34830749, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 October 1944 in France. Private Crane was with a ration detail which was suddenly confronted by a German non-commissioned officer who informed the men that they were surrounded by 90 Germans and demanded their surrender. They refused and immediately engaged the enemy in a fire fight. When a machine gun opened fire on them from the left, Private Crane started crawling toward the gun. About 20 yards away an enemy soldier opened fire on him with a machine pistol but, as the hostile soldier paused to reload, Private Crane killed him with accurate fire from his M-1 rifle. He then crawled to the flank of the enemy machine gun and demanded the gunner's surrender; but the gunner reached for his machine pistol and Private Crane killed him. By his courageous and aggressive act he put out of action the machine gun and two machine pistols in the position. Entered the Service from Maysville, Georgia.

DAVID R. JONES, 39911720, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. When heavy enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire prevented Company B from crossing a river, Sergeant Jones was ordered to lead his squad across the river and attack the strong point which was delaying the advance. Braving the heavy enemy fire, he led his men through icy, shoulder-deep water to the opposite bank. Then, after reorganizing the squad, he led an attack against the nearest house and, by his aggressive action, drove back the hostile troops from the river. As a result of his outstanding leadership, his company crossed the river without drawing small arms fire and, after inflicting a number of casualties on the hostile force, seized the group of houses which was its objective. Entered the Service from Malad, Idaho.

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ROBERT L. DE LAMARTER, 42023827, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. During a night attack Company I had the mission of infiltrating enemy lines. After crossing a river and entering an open field under intense machine gun fire, Private First Class DeLamarter found that his squad leader had become a casualty. He immediately assumed command and, standing upright in the face of the hostile fire, moved about among his men, encouraging them and moving them forward to the protection of a ditch at the edge of the woods. After they moved into the woods, small arms fire from the flank killed one man and threw the others into confusion. Again valiantly exposing himself, Private First Class DeLamarter moved up and down the file of men, reorganizing them and directing the rapid advance, enabling his squad to penetrate the hostile lines and reach its objective. Entered the Service from Greene, New York.

CLYDE V. HAMMOND, 37162340, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November and 17 December 1944 in France. In an attack on 23 November many casualties had been suffered, and the wounded were lying in the open exposed to heavy small arms fire. Without hesitation Tec 5 Hammond ran to their aid and continued to work among them, although he was frequently fired on by the enemy. After treating the wounded of his own platoon, he cared for those of the other platoons and, hearing cries for aid from another company, crossed an open space under heavy machine gun fire to render aid where it was needed. Again on 17 December 1944, he treated the wounded of his own platoon and then moved to a completely exposed area to care for the casualties of another platoon, whose aid man had been seriously wounded. After dark he guided litter bearers to the exposed area, and helped evacuate the patients. By his magnificent courage on both occasions, Tec 5 Hammond assisted in saving the lives of many wounded soldiers. Entered the Service from Finlayson, Minnesota.

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