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Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I  
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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

RANDOLPH PRESTON, 01325238, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 in France. The assault element in an attack on a town had approached within 250 yards of the objective when the column was subjected to heavy mortar and small arms fire, halting the advance. Lieutenant Preston, aware of the need for immediate action, took a machine gun and several riflemen and moved to an exposed position from which he directed effective fire on the enemy, enabling the friendly forces to resume their advance. Then, skillfully directing the fire and movement of his men, he led them across open ground in the face of machine gun crossfire and mortar fire in a successful assault on the town. When, shortly afterward, another friendly unit was subjected to a strong counterattack, Lieutenant Preston left his place of comparative safety and, armed only with a rifle, moved to an exposed position from which he could bring effective fire upon the enemy. As bullets struck around him, he continued to fire until hit and mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth T. Preston (Wife), 334 East 53d Street, New York, New York.

LLOYD L. AMES, 32588314, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. The antitank platoon was assigned the mission of protecting the flank during the 1st Battalion's attack on strongly fortified Siegfried Line positions. While advancing as the first scout, Private First Class Ames, an automatic rifleman, suddenly encountered a small pocket of enemy resistance. He immediately opened fire, killing two Germans, dispersing the remainder of the hostile force and permitting his comrades to continue their advance. Later in the day enemy self-propelled guns directed heavy fire into the platoon area, and Private First Class Ames gallantly exposed himself to locate the hostile weapons. While in this exposed position a shell burst close by, killing him instantly. Next of kin: Mr. Irving Parker (Grandfather), RFD 1, Endicott, New York.

II. 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:

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HERBERT M. LIEBERT, 01112824, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944 in France. A soldier exploded an enemy mine on the northern edge of a town, and four other soldiers were severely wounded in attempting to reach him. The heavily mined area was covered with snow; and, because the mines were wooden, a detecting device could not be used. Lieutenant Liebert was called to the scene, and he immediately started across the area on his hands and knees to remove the mines. Although many of the mines had been set with the release pin almost out so that the slightest movement would detonate them and most of them were caked with ice and snow, Lieutenant Liebert never faltered in performing his hazardous mission. Displaying outstanding skill and courage under the most nerve-racking conditions, he removed 28 schu mines, cleared a path to the wounded men and directed their evacuation. His gallant action, performed at the risk of his own life, greatly increased the casualties' chances for recovery. Entered the Service from Grandview, Missouri.

RICHARD G. MURDOCK, 01299612, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. The 1st Battalion was reorganizing in a town when the enemy launched a surprise flank attack in great strength. Lieutenant Murdock immediately ordered his men to set up their mortars in the center of the town and, taking a reel of wire, began running through the intense machine gun and rifle fire toward the area under attack. Although the enemy had already occupied some of the houses on the edge of town, he did not stop until he reached the last house where he set up an observation post. He immediately called for mortar fire on the enemy positions and then remained steadfastly at his post throughout the attack, at times directing fire so close to his own position that it hit the building he was in. Lieutenant Murdock's gallant and aggressive actions materially aided in repelling the determined enemy attack. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JOHN R. CLENDENON, 33649013, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. While attacking toward an enemy-held town, Company B was halted by heavy fire from a well-concealed machine gun. Quickly spotting the gun position approximately 25 yards away, Sergeant Clendenon, acting on his own initiative, rushed forward alone to assault the German strong point, firing his rifle as he advanced. Although he was fully exposed to the rapid bursts of enemy fire, he continued dauntlessly forward. By the prompt and effective use of his weapon, he killed two enemy soldiers and forced the remaining four to surrender. By his quick-thinking and outstanding aggressiveness, he eliminated the German strong point and enabled his company to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Spencer, Virginia.

STEVE Q. BUCK, 34882553, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. The 2d Platoon was occupying defensive positions in preparation for renewing the attack against Siegfried Line fortifications when Private First Class Buck, the platoon runner, observed two groups of five Germans each who had worked their way down a trench to a position approximately 25 yards to the rear and were delivering heavy automatic weapons fire on the friendly troops. He immediately exposed himself to hurl two hand grenades at the first group of Germans, killing one, wounding another and forcing the remaining three to withdraw. He then dashed from his

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fighting hole to the top of a knoll and quickly fired a rifle grenade at the other group of Germans, killing two, wounding one and forcing the remaining two to surrender. By his magnificent courage and aggressiveness, Private First Class Buck eliminated a serious threat to his platoon's position. Entered the Service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

LEWIS D. HARLOW, 33545512, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. When his squad leader was wounded by machine gun fire, Private First Class Harlow assumed command and led the men across 200 yards of open ground into a forest. Moving forward through the woods, they were again subjected to enemy machine gun fire; and Private First Class Harlow exposed himself to fire five rifle grenades, neutralizing the hostile weapon. Shortly after they set up a defense in a house, five enemy tanks approached. When the nearest one moved to within ten yards of the house, Private First Class Harlow directed his men to fire at the tanks and then, exposing himself at a window, called for the tank to surrender. His bold action demoralized the hostile tank crews, forcing them to withdraw. While leading a patrol across an open field he encountered a large enemy force and was painfully wounded, but he made repeated attempts to reach his objective before ordering a withdrawal. He reported information on the disposition of the hostile forces which later enabled his battalion to clear the enemy positions. Private First Class Harlow's courageous and aggressive leadership materially aided his company in completing its assigned mission. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

EDMUND E. ANGELL, 38656505, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 March 1945 in France. The 2d Platoon held positions in two houses forming a bridgehead across a river; and communication with the company command post was over a foot bridge under enemy observation. When the telephone wire was cut by enemy shellfire, Private First Class Angell, the platoon runner, volunteered to repair the breaks in the line. Although wounded by a fragment of a bursting shell, he courageously pressed on. As he crossed the foot bridge he became the target for heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, but he continued on and crossed a minefield to repair the break in the line. On a second occasion he gallantly traversed the hazardous area to reestablish the vital communications. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

NEIL E. CARIKER, 39588808, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Spearheading an attack on a town, the 2d Platoon had started across an open field when the men were halted by heavy small arms fire from the first house approximately 30 yards away. In the face of the hostile fire Private First Class Cariker and a comrade immediately charged toward the house, firing their weapons as they ran. On reaching the side of the building, they each hurled a hand grenade through a window and rushed inside. As a result of their magnificent courage and aggressiveness, two Germans were killed, three were captured and the members of the platoon were enabled to continue and successfully accomplish their mission. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

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III. 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:

CLARENCE F. BRADBERRY, 01315774, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 March 1945 in Germany. Lieutenant Bradberry was given the mission of leading his platoon in attacking a town in the Siegfried Line. While advancing across an open field 600 yards wide, he and his men were subjected to extremely heavy artillery and mortar concentrations and to intense rifle and machine gun crossfire from the hills surrounding the town. The platoon suffered sixty per cent casualties, and Lieutenant Bradberry himself was severely wounded by a machine gun bullet. Despite intense pain, he gallantly led his remaining men forward to assault the town; and, under his aggressive leadership, they took their objective. Although weak from loss of blood, he organized a defense of the area and remained with his men for five hours. Only when directly ordered by his company commander to seek medical aid did Lieutenant Bradberry leave his platoon. Entered the Service from Nitro, West Virginia.

DEMPSEY E. ALBRITTON, 34783021, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. Spearheading an attack on a town, the 2d Platoon had started across an open field when the men were halted by heavy small arms fire from the first house approximately 30 yards away. In the face of the hostile fire Sergeant Albritton and a comrade immediately charged toward the house, firing their weapons as they ran. On reaching the side of the building, they each hurled a hand grenade through a window and rushed inside. As a result of their magnificent courage and aggressiveness, two Germans were killed, three were captured and the members of the platoon were enabled to continue and successfully accomplish their mission. Entered the Service from Bowling Green, Florida.

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