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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

LEONARD L MARSHALL, 36 274 692, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, in the the Niederbronn Forest, France. When the advance of his company was stopped by fire from an enemy machine gun, Technical Sergeant Marshall voluntarily opened fire from an exposed position, to distract the enemy fire from the rest of the men and to permit a comrade to flank the enemy position. Just as his comrade moved in to wipe out the entire enemy crew, Sergeant Marshall fell, mortally wounded by fire from the enemy gun. His supreme sacrifice permitted the company to complete its mission and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary E. Marshall, (mother), Route #3, Box #23, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

X LEONARD W SCHOEN, 57 742 876, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Phillipsbourg, France. Surrounded on all sides by enemy machine gun emplacements, Company K, 275th Infantry, was harassed in its withdrawal attempt by continuous hostile fire. Private First Class Schoen, in the face of this heavy fire, and without regard for his personal safety, boldly advanced on the flank of the enemy positions and opened fire with an automatic rifle. He had knocked out several enemy guns and killed eleven of the enemy before he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire from another direction. His heroic action made possible the accomplishment of the withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Next of Kin: Herman Schoen, (father), Lebanon, Kansas.

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HUGH T SHELLEM, 33 793 069, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945. When his company, new to combat, was pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire while attacking in a wooded sector near Wingen, France, Technical Sergeant Shellem, with total disregard for his own safety, advanced alone against the enemy gun emplacements in an attempt to knock them out with hand grenades. He had silenced one enemy weapon, killed one sniper and wounded another, when he was killed by enemy fire. Roused and inspired by his heroic assault, which had removed a dangerous threat, the company immediately advanced and subsequently accomplished its mission. His action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Catherine Shellem, (mother), 627 East Penn Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES L VARIER, 36 966 469, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rothback, France. Voluntarily serving as a member of the battalion wire section when communication difficulty developed during an engagement with the enemy, private First Class Varier was hit and severely wounded by fire from an enemy patrol. Despite his wounds, he covered the withdrawal of the other members of his crew with rifle fire until he died. His courageous action enabled one man to escape and summon aid which subsequently drove off the enemy. Next of kin: Marcile Hass, (mother), 15327 Fairfield, Detroit, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, (MISSING IN ACTION), OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

X BERNARD BRONS, 01 052 273, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, (missing in action), Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. Leading a patrol into enemy territory, Lieutenant Brons was seriously wounded when his group was fired upon by heavy enemy machine gun fire. The position of his patrol having been revealed, Lieutenant Brons ordered it to withdraw. Realizing an attempt to carry him to safety would hamper the withdrawal, he further ordered that he be left behind, and gave his carbine to an unarmed member of his group. He was last seen crawling toward the enemy machine gun position. His gallantry reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marjorie A. Brons, (wife), 50 Orchard Street, Midland Park, New Jersey.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

RUSSELL C CAVITT, 36 830 193, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 276th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near Wingen, France. Technical Sergeant Cavitt, disregarding his personal safety, crossed an open field through direct enemy fire, to rescue a wounded member of his unit. Although wounded in the course of this action, he reached his fallen comrade and carried him to safety. Next of Kin: Gertrude J. Cavitt, (wife), 123 West Washington Street, Carlinville, Illinois.

WAYNE A MORNINGSTAR, 35077402, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 at Wingen, France. During intense street and house to house fighting, Private First Class Morningstar, operating wireless radio communications for the company commander, sustained a serious leg wound and was asked to remain behind. Courageously declining, he continued his important task through hostile automatic, small arms and sniper fire, until he fell mortally wounded by fire from an enemy sniper. His courageous action inspired the rest of the men and reflects the highest standards of devotion to duty. Next of Kin: Mrs. Salome Morningstar, (mother), Station B, Route #2, Box 357, Toledo, Ohio.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

RICHARD R ARMSTRONG, 37 573 198, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 276th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945, near Obermuhlthal, France. When his unit was pinned down by machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy patrol, Staff Sergeant Armstrong, with total disregard for his own safety, crawled alone to the flank of the enemy patrol and boldly opened fire with his rifle. His action permitted his unit to resume movement, overcome the opposition, and accomplish its mission. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

ROBERT J DAVENPORT, 026 089, Captain, Infantry, Company F, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. Leading his company in house to house fighting in Wingen, France, Captain Davenport was hit by hostile fire, receiving an arm wound. With total disregard for his own safety, he continued to lead his company in the

attack through heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire until felled again by a head wound. Despite his painful wounds, he issued detailed instructions for the continuation of the attack before committing himself to be evacuated. Stirred by his example, the men of his company carried out their wounded commander's orders, thus contributing greatly to the subsequent capture of the village. Entered military service from Valentine, Nebraska.

JOSEPH K DONAHUE, 01 043 317, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945, at Spicherin, France. Stubborn enemy resistance in Spicherin necessitated a call for artillery fire on the town. Lieutenant Donahue volunteered to lead a patrol into town so that enemy strength might first be ascertained. Taking six men, he crossed open terrain under enemy observation, entered Spicherin, and began a house to house search. His aggressive tactics drove the enemy from the town and resulted in the capture of the town and seven prisoners, and without casualties to our forces. Lieutenant Donahue's action obviated necessity for artillery fire on the town. Entered military service from Flushing, New York.

BERNARD L FUELLING, 39 411 585, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945. When Philippsbourg, France, was surrounded on three sides by the enemy, Private First Class Fuelling (a messenger), volunteered to man an armored scout car which was under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Leaving the comparative safety of a house, he maneuvered the vehicle across the village, and after facing it into frontal fire assisted the gunner until the two enemy positions which were firing on the battalion command post were knocked out. Then, to provide a guide for requested tank reinforcements, he drove the vehicle along the main roads, under hostile fire, until it would run no more owing to enemy inflicted damage. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

GEORGE W KRUMME, 02 006 372, 2d Lieutenant, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company G, 274th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 January 1945. During the assault on Wingen, France, the enemy counter attacked Company G, 274th Infantry, on the front and left flank with such force that they were forced to withdraw. Without regard for his own personal safety, 2d Lieutenant Krumme ran from a covered position, manned a machine gun, all the while being subjected to murderous enemy fire, to cover the withdrawal of the company. He later showed remarkable leadership in organizing for defense, the house in which the squad had taken cover, and in taking care of the wounded until relief arrived. His brave action was instrumental in enabling the company to reorganize, attack and capture the village. Entered military service from Bristow, Oklahoma.

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X HOWARD L LEONARD, 39 379 577, Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3, 4, and 20 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. On 3 January, with the assistance of a medical aid man, Sergeant Leonard successfully evacuated a wounded comrade under dangerous enemy fire. On 4 January, when working from house to house through the village, he cleared a basement with a hand grenade and captured four prisoners. Immediately afterward he attached himself to a volunteer group to drive the remainder of the enemy from Philippsbourg. On 20 January, when the platoon was out on night patrol with the mission of capturing prisoners, Sergeant Leonard knocked out an enemy machine gun with two hand grenades, thereby allowing the patrol to proceed to the edge of Lixingen, France. From this location, he and 12 other men kept the enemy occupied with rifle fire while the remainder of the patrol entered the village to capture prisoners. Entered military service from Ritzville, Washington.

X WILLARD MIDDLETON, 17 029 642, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945, near Philippsbourg, France. When his company was cut off by a cross-fire of heavy enemy machine guns and small arms fire while attempting a withdrawal, Private First Class Middleton advanced alone through the hostile fire, knocked out three enemy machine gun positions, and killed several enemy riflemen. This accomplishment enabled the company to make a successful withdrawal. Entered military service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

X LEE R WILSON, 34 435 817, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company C, 275th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1945. While his company was occupying a defensive position in Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Wilson, in the face of an enemy attack on the village from the south, fought his way with elements of his squad from house to house until an enemy encircling movement forced the men to take cover within a building. In the ensuing action, Sergeant Wilson maintained a four hour vigil at a window, from an extremely cramped position, accounting for twelve enemy casualties. His coolheaded and determined leadership stimulated the morale of the men and contributed greatly to the successes of his company during the battle. Entered military service from Brevard, North Carolina.

V -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

EDWARD A CROWSON, O 553 668, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 10 to 17 January 1945 in the Niederbronn Forest, France. Displaying excellent leadership, Lieutenant Crowson maintained a position with his platoon 1200 yards in front of his company's lines for a seven

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day period despite extreme cold, deep snow, and intense enemy artillery fire. His platoon nightly repelled enemy attempts to infiltrate and he led them on many patrols into enemy lines, successfully deceiving the opposing forces as to the actual location of the main line of resistance. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM W KENYON, 37 572 36, Technician Grade Three, (then Technician Grade Four), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 2 January 1945, at Philippouburg, France. In an open field under constant enemy observation and heavy enemy machine gun fire, Technician Kenyon, a medical aid man, attended his wounded comrades with utter disregard for his own safety. Using his own hands and instruments in accomplishing the evacuation of three wounded men through harassing mortar fire over rough mountainous terrain. Entered military service from Sauk Center, Minnesota.

JACOB F MEYERS, 02 006 424, 2d Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company L, 274th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 11 January 1945, in the Niederbronn Forest, France. With his patrol laying its own communication wire as it reconnoitered close to enemy lines, Lieutenant Meyers observed a concentration of enemy soldiers nearby, and immediately telephoned in data by which friendly artillery fire routed the group, killing and wounding many. In return, his patrol was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire and although two casualties were sustained, the patrol accomplished its mission. Entered military service from Stony Creek Mills, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD R RAMIREZ, 36 127 491, Technician Grade Three, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action during the period 1 to 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of Baerenthal, France. Under heavy enemy fire, with the battalion aid station destroyed by enemy action, Technician Ramirez, without regard for his personal safety, unceasingly and proficiently aided in the treatment and evacuation of casualties. Displaying courage and determination in the face of enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he was responsible for saving the lives of many wounded men. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EVERETT L RICE, 35 077 110, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 275th Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 February 1945. While laying wire communications for Company G, 275th Infantry, Private First Class Rice and another soldier lost the wire when crossing a swollen stream through intense enemy fire. Securing a fresh supply of wire from the battalion command post he bravely succeeded in working his way across open terrain through observed enemy machine gun and artillery fire to establish communications with Company G, thereby contributing to the company's successful raid on Grosbliederstroff, France. Entered military service from Troy, Ohio.

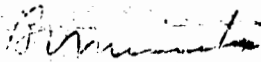
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