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- Award of the Silver Star I
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following officers:

BUFORD E BOYD 0256610, Infantry, Major, 274 Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Wingen, France, on 4 January 1945. Major Boyd's battalion was ordered to drive an entrenched enemy from a commanding position at the edge of a woods on a hill dominating the town of Wingen. Major Boyd placed himself with the leading elements of the battalion in order to closely supervise the attack. In the face of short range rifle and machine gun fire he maintained the rapid advance of the leading elements. Other attacking units, inspired by his gallant example, pushed rapidly forward to overwhelm the enemy and drive them from their entrenchments. Major Boyd's courage and outstanding leadership secured dominating terrain from a strong enemy with the minimum of casualties to his own unit. His actions reflect much credit upon himself and his unit. Entered the military service from Naches, Washington.

EDMUND B KEITH 01299898, Infantry, Captain, 274 Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action near Philippsbourg, France, on 15 January 1945. Captain Keith's company was ordered to attack and seize a hill on which a strong enemy force was entrenched in positions affording direct observation upon his company. After carefully organizing his company for the attack Captain Keith placed himself with the leading elements which were immediately taken under fire from the dominating enemy positions. When the company was momentarily pinned down by enemy fire, Captain Keith boldly moved among his men, called to them by name, reorganized his forces and led them in a successful attack against the enemy positions. Under his leadership the company overwhelmed the enemy force, inflicted heavy casualties against the enemy, and secured terrain vital to the defense of the regimental sector. Captain Keith's determination, courage, and gallant leadership were a major contribution to the successful attack of his company. Entered the military service from Magnolia, Arkansas.

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II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer:

SAMUEL G CONLEY 015707, Infantry, Colonel, 214 Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement in action during the period 3-29 January 1945, in France. Colonel Conley commanded a unit new to combat when it was committed to assist in stopping a major enemy drive into the Hardt Mountains of Alsace. In a rapidly changing and obscure situation, Colonel Conley moved his unit quickly and smoothly to points where his troops were promptly committed. By his careful planning and personal supervision his regiment contributed materially to the failure of the enemy offensive. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

KENNETH G WICKHAM
Col GSC
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/s/ Henry B. Roach
/t/ HENRY B. ROACH
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