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Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

JAMES T. WILLIS, O20264, Lieutenant Colonel, 274th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945, in the vicinity of Phillipsbourg, France. When the battalion under his command was assigned the mission of driving an entrenched enemy from commanding positions near the town of Phillipsbourg, Lieutenant Colonel Willis assumed a position with leading elements of his organization in order to more closely observe the progress of the attack, and in the face of extremely heavy hostile machine gun fire personally led the assault company in its advance across an open valley devoid of cover. Inspired by his personal valor and disregard for his own safety, the units of the battalion drove rapidly forward, expelled the enemy from the town, secured the surrounding terrain and held it against repeated hostile counterattacks in strength. As a result of Lieutenant Colonel Willis' outstanding courage and leadership, an important objective was secured with a minimum of casualties, and great credit was reflected upon himself. Entered military service from Rome, Georgia.

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By command of Major General BURRESS:

RICHARD G. PRATHER  
Colonel GSC  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Byron C. De La Mater  
/t/ BYRON C. DE LA MATER  
Lt Col AGD  
Adjutant General

A TRUE CERTIFIED EXTRACT:

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