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

ALFRED G CASEY, 36 907 842, Private, Company C, Infantry, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945. As his company advanced through a heavily wooded area in the Hardwald Forest France, Private Casey, as lead scout, encountered a strong enemy machine gun position which forced him to take cover. Realizing that his company's objective had to be taken before the approaching darkness and that the concealed gun was a serious threat to the lives of his comrades, he courageously charged into the gun position. Upon locating the gun, he prepared to throw a hand grenade but, in so doing, he was exposed to the hostile fire and was instantly killed. His action revealed the gun position to his advancing comrades who eliminated the strong point and enabled his company to gain its objective on schedule. His courageous action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Alfred Casey (father), 5146 South Halstead Street, Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT H Mc DANIEL, 02 006 175, 2d Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, Infantry, for gallantry in action on 21 February 1945. When enemy infantry, pointed by a Tiger tank, were attacking fiercely in the Stiftswald, France, Lieutenant Mc Daniel took it upon himself to attempt to knock out the tank. Working his way up to a short distance from the constantly firing tank which was protected by enemy infantrymen, he fired an anti-tank grenade and immobilized the tank. Still under heavy fire from the crippled vehicle, he moved toward a dugout, but he was sighted by enemy gunners as he entered the cover and was instantly killed. His gallant action frustrated the enemy attack and exemplifies the highest standard of courage in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Dorothy D Mc Daniel (mother), 978 Salem Street, Chico, California.

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

ROSS W CARLISLE, 35 840 248, Private First Class, Company C, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 24 February 1945. During a heavy engagement with the enemy in a wooded area overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, Private First Class Carlisle, a lineman, repeatedly left cover to service communication lines under observed enemy artillery and mortar fire. On one occasion, when a line was broken by closely concentrated artillery fire, he crawled out of his foxhole and had started along the line to find the break when he was killed by the hostile fire. His courageous action in attempting to maintain vitally needed communications exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Donald G Carlisle (brother), 135 South Mc Kinley Avenue, Alliance, Ohio.

FRANCIS R HETZEL, 35 546 812, Staff Sergeant, Company C, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945. As his point squad advanced through heavy enemy artillery fire in the Hardwald, France, Staff Sergeant Hetzel's two lead scouts were killed by machine gun bursts from an unknown direction. Realizing that the company had to take its objective before the approaching darkness and that the concealed guns were a threat to the lives of his comrades, he deliberately exposed himself to the hostile fire to point out the location of the enemy gun. In so doing, he was instantly killed by enemy fire. The strongpoint was then eliminated and the company moved forward to its objective on schedule. His courageous action exemplifies the highest standard of bravery in the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Frida E Hetzel (mother), 102 N Worpole Street, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

III --- AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individual for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 February to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany.

ALEXANDER S WALLACE JR, 01 312 735, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, Infantry. Entered military service from New Orleans Louisiana.

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

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EDWARD A CLOONAN JR, 31 421 631, Staff Sergeant, Company D, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 3 January and 21 and 22 February 1945. On 3 January, when the enemy strongly attacked the company and battalion command posts near Philippsbourg, France, Sergeant Cloonan directed his men in setting up their machine guns and in firing with deadly effect throughout the four-hour assault. Subsequently, on 21 February, during the attack to gain high ground overlooking Saarbrucken, Germany, and the enemy counter attack the following day, Sergeant Cloonan worked constantly with his men, under hostile small arms and tank fire, and contributed greatly to the successful operations against the enemy. His courageous leadership and tireless devotion to duty were a constant source of inspiration to all the men. Entered military service from Waltham, Massachusetts.

DAVID E GRAY, 01 051 150, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 to 25 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Hollywood, California.

LOUIS A KLETTLINGER, 35 247 105, Sergeant, Company D, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action from 2 January to 20 March 1945, in France. Over an extended period of time, Sergeant Klettlinger constantly displayed heroism beyond the call of duty. Often he volunteered for patrols and guard duty on hazardous posts. When necessary he acted as a rifleman, proving himself an exceptional soldier. Between 21 February and 20 March, his machine gun squad performed in a superior manner in driving back numerous enemy counterattacks. When enemy riflemen counterattacked, supported by tanks, he kept his squad in position at all times even after his rifle support had withdrawn, frustrating the hostile force. Sergeant Klettlinger's intrepidity has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to the men who served with him. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

EUGENE C STOUDER, 35 559 438, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company C, Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 22 February 1945. During intensive action against a strong enemy position in the Stiftswald, France, Sergeant Stouder discovered that his forward machine gun section was badly wanting ammunition. On his own initiative, he carried the ammunition forward under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Observing that the mortar sections of his and an adjacent company were not firing cohesively, he reorganized the units and placed effective fire upon the enemy. His courageous action was an inspiration to all the men, and frustrated an imminent enemy attack. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

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