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EXTRACT

Award of the Silver Star I

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bul 43 WD 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ALONZO R. HORTON, 38 515 774, Infantry, Company "K", Seventh Infantry Regiment, (then Company "C", 274th Infantry Regiment). On 6 January 1945, when heavy enemy fire killed or wounded all the non-commissioned officers of a rifle platoon during an attack on Phillipsburg, France, Sergeant HORTON, a light machine gun squad leader, took command of the Platoon. Despite enemy shells that burst 20 yards from him, he reorganized the eleven surviving members of the Platoon, and initiated an assault that cleared half of the town. While leading an attack on an enemy pillbox that was holding up further advance, Sergeant HORTON killed four Germans in a ditch. Continuing on through intense automatic fire that gradually wiped out the Platoon to the last man, he single-handedly attacked the pillbox with hand grenades, killing six more Germans and forcing 22 to surrender. As a result of his courageous action, his Company was able to capture the objective. Residence: Commanche, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SCHMIDT:

DICK A. KING.
Lt Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/H. L. Duncan
H. L. DUNCAN
Major, AGD
Actg Adj General

