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I. AWARD 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 by the Division Commander to the following named enlisted men:

JOHN C. EINSWEILER, 36 948 160, Private First Class, Company B, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For gallantry in action near Bergthann, Germany, on 19 April 1945. When the enemy counter attacked cutting off his platoon, Private Einsweiler voluntarily set out alone to find an escape route. Locating a suitable river crossing, he dashed through a hail of enemy fire over an open field while drawing the enemy's attention from his comrades moving to cover. Rejoining his platoon, he successfully lead them to the safety of friendly lines. Private Einsweiler's sheer courage, determination and ability reflect honor and distinction on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Galena, Illinois.

CHARLES P. WURM, 36 626 838, Private First Class, Company B, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For gallantry in action near Steinfeld, Germany, on 22 March 1945. When a terrific enemy artillery and rocket barrage was received in the town, Private Wurm remained exposed to the incoming fire in order to give aid to his wounded comrades. Moving these men to the cover of a nearby building, he then located the ambulance and courageously lead the rescue vehicles to the position. Private Wurm's sheer courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflects credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Schiller Park, Illinois.

II. 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 by the Division Commander to the following named individuals:

VERNON L. CONWAY, 02 011 714, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, (then Staff Sergeant) Company B, 62d Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Steinfeld, Germany, on 22 March 1945. When automatic fire from enemy pill boxes stopped the friendly advance, Lieutenant Conway effectively deployed his platoon, forcing the emplacements to close its ports. Observing enemy troops in a nearby trench, his quick, accurate rifle fire and use of hand grenades killed many and forced the remainder to surrender. Lieutenant Conway's sheer courage, able leadership and tireless devotion to duty were a major factor in the ultimate capture of the town, reflecting credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.



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JOSEPH H. HARRISON, O 359 588, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany from 1 April 1945 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

NORMAN W. MICHELSON, O1 311 416, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 22 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Entered military service from Cumberland, Wisconsin.

JOHN M. SAILORS 37 466 734, Technical Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company A, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Rittershoffen, France, from 10 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Sioux City, Iowa.

ELMO Q. WOOD, O1 018 418, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Steinfeld, Germany, on 21 March 1945. Deploying his platoon of tanks, Lieutenant Wood personally lead them against the solid, fixed fortifications and concealed gun positions of the enemy. His personal leadership inspired the men to move in close, although under observation, to deliver effective and damaging fire thereby speeding the entry into town. Lieutenant Wood's admirable conduct and excellent direction ever unmindful of personal safety reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Eldorado, Illinois.

### III. 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 by the Division Commander to the following named individuals:

EL DON W. ADAMS, O 494 890, Captain, Ordnance Department, Headquarters Company, 136th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

ROBERT E. ALLEN, 15 312 431, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 17 November 1944 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

EDWARD R. BREWER, O 491 282, Captain, Ordnance Department, Headquarters, 136th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

LOUIS D. BURG, 42 007 248, Private First Class, Company A, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Rittershoffen, France, on 13 January 1945. Entered military service from Patterson, New Jersey.

JOSE J. CALDERON, 36 626 827, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Altfelden,



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Germany, on 22 April 1945. When his tank, while patrolling an "autobahn" in the area, was hit and disabled by enemy fire Technician Calderon was seriously wounded. Despite this he assisted in evacuating other crew members and supplied covering fire as each of them was evacuated. His courageous and heroic action showing utter disregard for his own safety clearly reflects credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL J. CEARLOCK, 36 437 003, Sergeant, Company A, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Wildenguth, France, from 2 to 4 January 1945. Entered military service from Moweaqua, Illinois.

ROSS R. CONDIT, O 491 054, Captain, Ordnance Department, Headquarters, 136th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

ROBERT G. ELMORE, O 492 415, Captain, Ordnance Department, Company B, 136th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 5 May 1945. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

JOSEPH E. FASY, 39 196 218, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Munnerstadt, Germany, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Puyallup, Washington.

DANIEL M. FOX, 32 121 004, Sergeant, Company C, 47th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Herxheim, Germany, on 23 March 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD E. FRASER, O1 171 537, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 499th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 2 December 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Conway, Arkansas.

HORACE J. GRANT, 39 924 471, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 17 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Pocatello, Idaho.

ROBERT J. GUIHEN, 37 355 351, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Lamar, Colorado.

BRUNO T. GUIZZO, 35 148 074, Private First Class, Company A, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 December 1944 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

WILLIAM G. HATCHER, 19 193 172, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Concrete, Washington.



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LORRAINE T. HINTON, 33 714 988, Private First Class, Company C, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 December 1944 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Butler, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE P. HOXIE, JR, 31 214 417, Sergeant, (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Kapsweyer, Germany, on 15 March 1945. Entered military service from Northampton, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH JAMES, 33 395 745, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Steinfeld, Germany, on 22 March 1945. When a tank in his company was disabled and its commander critically wounded, Technician James oblivious to his own personal safety dismounted from his own vehicle while under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire and went to his aid, assisted in removing him from the defenseless and fully exposed tank, and helped to evacuate him to safety. The prompt and heroic action displayed by Technician James reflects credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Republic, Pennsylvania.

HARRY C. JOHNSON, 35 718 378, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Reiperts-willer, France, on 1 January 1945. When enemy infantry attacked the town, Sergeant Johnson's platoon was assigned to guard the northern approaches. Quickly moving his men to the position, his ingenious deployment and accurate machine gun fire was instrumental in forcing the enemy to withdraw. Sergeant Johnson's tenacity, courage and leadership reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Russellville, Kentucky.

SAMUEL KALB, 32 093 833, First Sergeant, Service Company, 47th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM H. KEKAR, JR, 01 017 772, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, Company C, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Herberg, Germany, on 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

FRED C. KESSLER, 33 399 788, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LETCHFORD M. KETRON, 33 444 175, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Rittershoffen, France, on 19 January 1945. When his half track loaded with mines and ammunition was hit and set afire by enemy shells, Technician Ketron unhesitatingly jumped into the vehicle and drove away from the area occupied by his comrades. Regardless of the intense heat and danger of explosion, he swiftly removed the vehicle to a safe position. Technician Ketron's defiance of danger in the interest of his fellow soldiers reflects credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Leesburg, Virginia.



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MANUEL S. LAMBOY, 39 424 086, Private First Class, Company B, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Steinfeld, Germany; on 21 March 1945. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ARNOLD G. LARSEN, 39 903 972, Sergeant, (then Corporal), Company A, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Reipertswiller, France, on 2 January 1945. Entered military service from Logan, Utah.

EDWARD A. LEDESMA, 39 155 701, Corporal, Battery C, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Oxnard, California.

CHARLES LEWCZYK, JR, 32 671 613, Staff Sergeant, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Company A, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service near Rittershoffen, France, from 10 to 24 January 1945. Entered military service from Lancaster, New York.

HARRY C. MANN, 39 195 860, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 47th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 4 May 1945. Entered military service from Hoquiam, Washington.

WALTER M. MERKLING, 37 339 462, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 17 November 1944 to 25 April 1945. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ELMER L. MILES, 37 246 088, Corporal, Company C, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Herxheim, Germany, on 23 March 1945. When his company encountered stiff resistance on the approaches to the town and suffered casualties, Corporal Miles, an anti-tank gunner, realizing the shortage of medical men, volunteered to serve in this capacity. Moving to the front where the action was most intense, he continued to administer aid to the wounded and to assist in their evacuation until all had been carried to safety. Corporal Miles unselfish devotion to duty and concern for the welfare of his comrades reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Slater, Missouri.

DONALD L. MILLER, 35 148 025, Private First Class, Company A, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Rensselaer, Indiana.

JAMES D. MITCHELL, 37 245 820, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 13 November 1944 to 27 March 1945. Entered military service from Lake City, Kansas.

PATRICK J. MURPHY, 36 626 975, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Gertswiller, France, on 28 November 1944. During an intense enemy mortar and artillery



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barrage Private Murphy went forward three hundred yards to evacuate seriously wounded infantrymen. Despite the fact that he was hit by a shell fragment himself, he continued to evacuate the injured even as the friendly infantry was withdrawing into the town. His courage, determination, and devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chicago City, Illinois.

HENRY U. MUSTONEN, 36 287 564, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Phelps, Wisconsin.

MARVIN C. O. NOLTE, 01 171 701, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Saint Louis Missouri.

WILLIAM G. NOONAN, 37 246 665, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 13 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

GORDON W. O'DONNELL, 01 014 670, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters, 14th Armored Division, (then Headquarters, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division). For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 27 November 1944 to 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

ERIC A. ORSINI, 01 014 819, Infantry, Service Company, 47th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Lodi, New Jersey.

STANLEY J. PARTACZ, 32 672 265, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 17 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Cheektowaga, New York.

✓ GEORGE M. PEASE, 31 472 301, Private, Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Munnerstadt, Germany, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Bar Mills, Maine.

LLOYD E. PERRY, 35 570 154, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 11 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Shelbyville, Indiana.

✓ FRANCIS L. PIERCE, 31 400 946, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Munnerstadt, Germany, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Randolph, Maine.

THOMAS J. PRICE, 6 752 974, First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Norton, Virginia.



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LEONARD T. RAFTER, 37 001 977, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 501st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

MARTIN G. ROARK, 39 681 248, Staff Sergeant, Troop A, 94th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Steinfeld, Germany, on 21 March 1945. Leading a reconnaissance patrol Sergeant Roark advanced toward a heavily fortified sector of the Siegfried Line. Acting under heavy artillery fire he posted his men and advanced alone to within twenty yards of enemy fixed positions and studied them for more than an hour. So well did he accomplish his mission that later the sector was overrun without casualties. His heroic and daring performance under considerable stress and at great personal risk reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLAND A. ROUSSEAU, 32 588 903, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Gamsheim, France, on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

OTTO SAFRANEK, 36 032 915, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 17 November 1944 to 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WARREN A. SANDUSKY, 35 616 130, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Combat Command A, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany, from 18 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Dayton, Ohio.

MILO V. SCHLESSER, 37 466 762, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 15 November 1944 to 10 May 1945. Entered military service from Struble, Iowa.

ROBERT D. SHORT, 6 535 923, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement in France and Germany, from 19 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

ALLAN SIMON, 12 113 956, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Steinfeld, Germany, on 21 March 1945. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

RICHARD V. SLOAN, 0 258 026, Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 499th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 2 December 1944 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Mill Valley, California.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, 0 374 149, Captain, Cavalry, Company D, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 27 November 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Ravenna, Kentucky.



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JOHNNY M. TAYLOR, 6 861 989, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 16 November 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

BILLY P. TEAFF, 37 246 794, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 68th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 19 December 1944 to 27 April 1945. Entered military service from Ash Grove, Missouri.

T. D. WHITE, 7 041 446, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 27 November 1944 to 8 May, 1945. Entered military service from Morehead, Kentucky.

TRAVIS WILLIAMS, 34 291 000, Private, Medical Detachment, 25th Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Gertwiller, France, on 28 November 1944. By operating approximately three hundred yards beyond the town and by traversing a narrow steel girder, all that remained of a demolished bridge, even though exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Williams was instrumental in effecting the rapid evacuation of many wounded casualties. His courageous and heroic action and his complete devotion to duty and to his comrades reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pearl River, Louisiana.

RAYMOND T. WIRE, 36 627 787, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Hatten, France, on 15 January 1945. While under an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Technician Wire observed a wounded man lying unattended by a damaged tank. Rushing to him, he quickly administered first aid and assisted him in moving from the open field to the safety of a nearby house. Technician Wire's courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect credit on himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE ZAPPETTINI, 39 903 467, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany, from 30 March 1945 to 26 April 1945. Entered military service from Currant, Nevada.

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