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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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, by the Division Commander to the following named enlisted man:

CHARLES B. WIEDERHORN, 12 137 117, Private First Class, Company C, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For gallantry in action near Hatten, France, on 17 January 1945. Although wounded early in the attack, Private Wiederhorn refused evacuation and remained with his platoon to serve as radio operator. Under a devastating artillery barrage and with poor radio reception rendering the platoon's situation critical, he volunteered to leave his place of safety and remove his equipment to a high and unprotected position, directly exposed to point blank enemy fire. This inspiring action enabled his platoon to coordinate its activities with those of the company and halt the enemy attack. Private Wiederhorn's gallant sacrifice and complete devotion to duty are a high tribute to himself and to the traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Clara Wiederhorn, (Mother), 49 Melmore Gardens, East Orange, New Jersey.

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, by the Division Commander to the following named officer:

ROBERT A. ALLISON, 01 015 776, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Cavalry, Troop C, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Ober Otterbach, Germany, on 18 December 1944. Next of Kin: Mr. Frank J. Allison, (Father), 1044 West Monroe, Springfield, 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:

GEORGE E. ANDERSON, 32 672 298, Corporal, (then Private), Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Sarreinsburg, France, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Jamestown, New York.

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WILLIAM A. ARMAND, JR, 35 571 484, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Oberhoffen, France, on 4 February 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

LOUIS J BOHLKEN, 01 171 461, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Alsace, France, from 1 December 1944 to 5 January 1945. Entered military service from Monticello, Iowa.

JACK C. BRUCE, 19 114 154, Technical Sergeant, Company B, \*\*\* Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in the vicinity of Billigheim, Germany, from 1 March 1945 to 31 March 1945. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

CLEMENT F. BUJEWSKI, 37 250 516, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany, from 19 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Durant, Iowa.

GEORGE E. CARPENTER, 36 744 799, Corporal, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Herrgottschlag, Germany, on 21 April 1945. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLYDE E. COULSON, 33 419 554, Private First Class, Troop D, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Kenmath, Germany, on 22 April 1945. Entered military service from McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

IRWIN J. COX, JR, 36 679 020, Private First Class, Company A, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Salmbach, France, on 14 December 1944. Entered military service from Hamilton, Illinois.

PATRICK F. DEANE, 31 097 764, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service near Sospel, France, from 15 November 1944 to 23 November 1944. Entered military service from Holyoke, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM H. FARBER, 42 067 543, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Altenthann, Germany, on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

BERNARD F. GWALTHNEY, JR, 01 171 569, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery A, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Kapsweyer, Germany, on 19 December 1944. With outstanding initiative, Captain Gwaltney undertook to destroy an enemy observation post located in the church steeple of Steinfeld, Germany. Bringing a 155 MM gun into

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position, he made the necessary adjustments in spite of an intense counter-battery barrage and continued firing until the enemy withdrew. The ingenuity and courageous actions displayed by Captain Gwaltney reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. HAWIE, 32 119 944, Staff Sergeant, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Gamsheim, France, on 7 December 1944. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES T. HURLEY, 32 584 008, Technician Fourth Grade, Company D, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement in the vicinity of Burgthann, Germany, on 19 April 1945. When his outpost was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, Technician Hurley, disregarding point blank small arms fire and enemy bazookas, voluntarily kept his tank in position, inflicting a great number of casualties on the enemy and allowing friendly troops to withdraw to safety. The courageous and unselfish devotion to duty evident in Technician Hurley's actions reflect credit and honor to himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Painted Post, New York.

GEORGE E. LERCH, 33 831 814, Private First Class, Company A, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Baerenthal, France, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Kreidersville, Pennsylvania.

JAMES LILLY, 15 382 694, Staff Sergeant, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Tiefenbach, Germany, on 23 April 1945. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

DON LYDICK, 39 291 069, Corporal, (then Private First Class), Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Hatten, France, on 19 January 1945. When the aid station was destroyed by shell fire, Corporal Lydick courageously volunteered to assist in the removal of the wounded. By his tireless and unselfish effort, a large number of casualties were given badly needed treatment. His courageous action and devotion to duty aided substantially in a critical situation and reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Imperial, California.

JOHN L. McANDREW, 33 471 202, Staff Sergeant, Company A, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France, from 1 January 1945 to 20 January 1945. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ZEB McANULTY, 14 188 205, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 13 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Albermarle, North Carolina.

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WILLIAM E. McCAULEY, 35 208 324, Staff Sergeant, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Rittersheffen, France, on 12 January 1945. Entered military service from Elkins, West Virginia.

JAMES McLEOD, JR, 37 200 991, Staff Sergeant, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For heroic achievement near Hatten, France, on 19 January 1945. Under a terrific artillery barrage, Sergeant McLeod organized a group of litter teams which successfully evacuated a large number of wounded men. Through his voluntary action, men who had suffered unattended for hours were brought to medical aid. The personal bravery and determination Sergeant McLeod displayed resulted in the saving of many lives, reflecting credit to himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service for Osage City, Kansas.

JAMES E. NICHOLSON, 01 180 644, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Battery A, \*\*\* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Uberach, France, from 19 February 1945 to 25 February 1945. Entered military service from Catonsville, Maryland.

ARTHUR M. OWENS, 33 444 133, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Sarreinsburg, France, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Berryville, Virginia.

CHESTER R. PIETRASZ, 35 500 966, Technician Fourth Grade, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Neuburgh, France, on 16 March 1945. Entered military service from Orwell, Ohio.

EARL G. RUTHERFORD, 35 379 334, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany, from 18 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Dundalk, Maryland.

RAYMOND F. VON DEHEN, 32 585 293, Technician Fourth Grade, Troop D, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in Germany, from 23 March 1945 to 28 April 1945. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

HUGH W. WEST, 39 267 746, Private First Class, Troop A, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Hatten, France, from 12 January 1945 to 19 January 1945. Entered military service from Ontario, California.

WILBERT H. WIDMANN, 37 447 111, Corporal, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Sarreinsburg, France, on 6 January 1945. Entered military service from Waterloo, Iowa.

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PAUL C. WILLIS, 01 018 146, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Canton, North Carolina.

DONALD L. WRIGHT, 35 616 063, Private First Class, Troop B, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious achievement near Mouterhouse, France, on 1 January 1945. Entered military service from Galloway, Ohio.

GEORGE D. YOUNG, 37 246 686, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. For meritorious service in France and Germany, from 1 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Atchison, Kansas.

IV. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.

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 Purple Heart is awarded by the Division Commander to the following named officer for wounds received in action:

WILLIAM J. SUENKEL, 01 019 292, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, \*\*\* Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 28 November 1944 in France. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded by the Division Commander to the following named individuals for wounds received in action:

ELLIS B. ADAMSON, 37 250 661, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 17 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Quasqueton, Iowa.

CLAUDE F. ASHCRAFT, 35 906 641, Private First Class, (then Private) Troop C, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 22 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

JACK J. BAUER, 36 472 190, Private, Company C, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 12 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

GILBERT H. BLUMKE, 36 285 565, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 22 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MAYNARD D. BOUCHER, 0 544 225, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Company C, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Lebanon, New Hampshire.

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JOSEPH CARTER, O 428 007, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 14th Armored Division, on 29 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

STEVEN M. CRNOBRJA, 32 671 954, Corporal, Military Police platoon, 14th Armored Division, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Lackawanna, New York.

ALFRED W. DAVIS, 31 281 943, Private First Class, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 3 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Skowhegan, Maine.

JOHN B. DILLARD, JR, O 448 990, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, \*\*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Grosse point, Michigan.

EVERETTE EDMONDS, 35 647 860, Private First Class, Troop C, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 15 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Whitesville, West Virginia.

EDWARD J. GAGAS, 36 285 396, Technician Fifth Grade, Troop B, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

ROSS W. GROVES, 35 617 060, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Urbana, Ohio.

DOUGLAS K. HAMILTON, 32 289 653, Sergeant, Company C, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Delmar, New York.

EVERETT L. HOOD, 35 689 251, Private First Class, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 23 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ESTEN LANDSGAARD, 37 250 843, Corporal, Troop C, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 15 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from West Union, Iowa.

JAMES H. McCORMICK, 38 137 721, Sergeant, (then Private), Company A, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 1 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Henderson, Texas.

ARTHUR J. McKINNEY, 32 671 566, Private, Company D, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 6 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

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JAMES T. MORGAN, 34 026 329, Private First Class, (then Private), Company A, \*\*\* Armored Engineer Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 13 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Augusta, Georgia.

DAN W. ROBERTS, 37 523 061, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, 14th Armored Division, on 27 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Macon, Missouri.

ROBERT E. SCHAEER, 36 624 044, Staff Sergeant, Troop D, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Northbrook, Illinois.

DALLAS H. SCHULER, 02 011 770, Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, (then Staff Sergeant), Troop D, \*\*\* Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron Mechanized, 14th Armored Division, on 6 December 1944, in France. Entered military service from El Paso, Illinois.

OLIVER W. THOMPSON, 37 486 005, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 14th Armored Division, on 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Carter, South Dakota.

VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Correction in General Orders).

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 46, this Headquarters, cs, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to JOSEPH A. GUIMOND, 026 379, Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General's Department, Headquarters, 14th Armored Division, as reads: "Entered military service from Washington, District of Columbia", is amended to read: "Entered military service from Ohio."

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SMITH:

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