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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Fred N. Grossman, 6 632 801, Coast Artillery Corps (Antiaircraft), 634th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in Belgium. When the enemy threatened to attack his platoon, deployed for the protection of a critical hub in the lines, Sergeant Grossman, realizing the advisability of moving to a more advantageous position, gallantly ignored the intense hostile mortar and artillery fire to supervise the displacement of his guns. Proceeding to check the gun positions, still under heavy hostile shellfire, Sergeant Grossman encountered a group of 30 soldiers headed towards a nearby town. Assuming command, he assembled, reorganized, and forming a skirmish line, fearlessly moved his men into the line where he strategically emplaced them. Shortly afterwards an enemy patrol attack was halted by the newly-formed "platoon's" withering fire and hastily retreated, leaving six casualties behind. Assured that the men were now confident and capable of protecting their sector of the line, Sergeant Grossman departed and, locating an infantry officer, directed him to the position he had established. Later, while on reconnaissance around the second gun section, he was requested by the Commanding Officer of a tank unit to locate the position and range of a gathering hostile troop concentration about one thousand yards away. His rapid and accurate adjustment of High Explosive rounds on the enemy provided the tanks with the necessary visual aid, and they immediately delivered a devastating fire on the German formation. By his capable leadership and exceptional resourcefulness, Sergeant Grossman neutralized many hostile troops and helped smash an enemy attack before it could be launched. The marked valor and unflinching devotion to duty of Sergeant Grossman reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Corporal Paul C. Rosenthal, 36 417 474, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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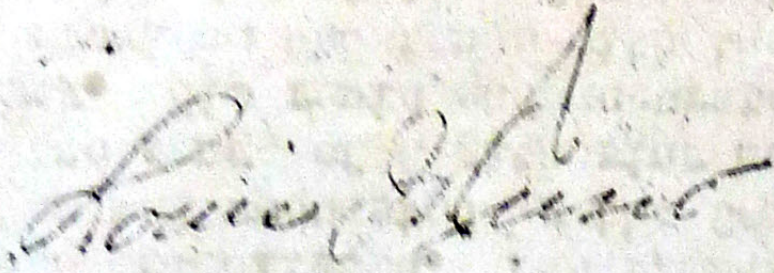
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III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Purple Heart is awarded to Second Lieutenant Jack E. Harrington, O 438 827, 424th Infantry, United States Army for wounds received in action against the enemy on 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Brigadier General PERRIN:

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