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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 Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Harold R. Johnson, 36 574 181, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. During a platoon assault on a well defended town, sudden devastating crossfire from well concealed machine guns halted the attack, scattered the men, and seriously wounded the company commander. Although wounded himself, Technical Sergeant Johnson, platoon sergeant, assumed command and while withdrawing to reorganize his men, he was hit twice more. Valiantly disregarding these painful injuries, he rallied the men, consolidated their positions, and personally directed accurate and intense machine gun and mortar fire into the hostile automatic weapons installations. Only when he sustained a fourth wound during this action, did Technical Sergeant Johnson, assisting another casualty, return by foot to the battalion aid station. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John F. Goidosik, 36 583 564, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1944, in Belgium. When his company advance was halted by intense machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Goidosik, mortar section sergeant, ignoring the withering hail of bullets, supervised the delivery of such effective fire from his mortars that the enemy was forced to take cover. After a short advance, the company was again pinned down by devastating fire from a machine gun. Supplemental mortar and direct artillery fire wounded all members of the squad he was leading. Despite concentrated fire on the area, Staff Sergeant Goidosik picked up the mortar and several rounds, fearlessly moved forward seventy-five yards and set up his weapon. Still under intense fire and unaided, he accurately located, and, with three well directed rounds, destroyed the enemy machine gun, enabling his company to continue on their mission. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant George S. Vasquez, 37 582 447, (then Private First Class), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. When his platoon was pinned down by devastating fire from a concealed machine gun, Private First Class Vasquez detected the enemy's position, and, ignoring his own personal safety, crawled over exposed ground toward the gun. Ten yards from the emplacement, Private First Class Vasquez, despite the intense fire directed at him, rose, and firing his rifle, fearlessly charged the blazing gun, wounding two of the crew, capturing three others and silencing the weapon that had delayed the platoon's advance. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Roy W. Wandell, 42 065 008, (then Private First Class), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. During an attack on a strongly defended town, sudden withering blasts from a concealed machine gun pinned down the platoon. As soon as that weapon had

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...second opened up. Locating the gun's emplacement, about seventy-five yards away, Private First Class Wandell, ignoring the intense bursts directed at him, valiantly rushed the position and accurately threw a hand grenade. Before the stunned enemy had time to recover from the explosion, Private First Class Wandell charged the emplacement and captured the three man crew. Entered military service from New York.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel Orville M. Hewitt, O1 6 844, Infantry, Division Special Troops, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 December 1944 to 28 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

Captain Lawrence P. Fick, O1 170 734, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944 and 11 January 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant Laverne F. Doepker, O1 324 221, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Grayson F. Lathrop, O1 326 287, (then Second Lieutenant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Marvin J. Parr, 12 137 945, (then Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Edwin L. Stieben, 37 142 676, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant William L. Hisson, 39 604 564, (then Corporal), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Joseph, 35 925 716, (then Private First Class), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant H. A. Nedom, 18 195 371, (then Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December 1944 to 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Technician Third Grade Edward J. Wisniewski, 33 589 551, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant James W. Dixon, Sr., 34 547 676, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944 and 8 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Sergeant John Huzinec, 32 770 950, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant Douglas E. Koski, 36 456 887, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Claude W. Moore, 6 579 869, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 February 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Idaho.

Sergeant Leonard A. Vogel, 39 246 033, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold H. Alderman, 35 434 730, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Daniel C. Barker, 33 628 532, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Corporal Robert J. Cook, 34 338 978, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 February 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Percy J. Johnson, 36 810 303, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 21 December 1944 and 8 February 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Technician Fifth Grade Ernest D. Notario, 36 456 791, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Joseph H. Caperton, 38 671 690, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class James A. Crow, 36 428 404, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph E. Faber, 20 955 559, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Alaska.

Private First Class Frank R. Gregory, 38 629 517, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 February 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Albert F. Basinger, Sr., 34 814 973, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 February 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private Charles W. Dopp, 39 271 706, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 December 1944 to 21 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

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