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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:

Private First Class Robert G. Fischer, 32 769 388, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in Germany. When his vehicle, leading a convoy attempting to penetrate the German lines and join friendly elements, suddenly encountered a roadblock, a direct hit by an 88 mm shell destroyed the vehicle's front and partially overturned it. Private First Class Fischer and another soldier immediately manned the vehicle's machine gun while a third soldier ran back to warn the approaching convoy. Courageously ignoring intense 88 mm, automatic, and small arms fire concentrated on them, they delivered such effective fire that the hostile 88 mm gun and two machine guns were silenced and their crews and many supporting riflemen wounded and disorganized. Only when the machine gun's ammunition was exhausted did Private First Class Fischer leave the exposed position and rejoin the convoy. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Paul D. Spencer, 19 118 744, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in Germany. When his vehicle, leading a convoy attempting to penetrate the German lines and join friendly elements, suddenly encountered a roadblock, a direct hit by an 88 mm shell destroyed the vehicle's front and partially overturned it. Private First Class Spencer and another soldier immediately manned the vehicle's machine gun while a third soldier ran back to warn the approaching convoy. Courageously ignoring intense 88 mm, automatic, and small arms fire concentrated on them, they delivered such effective fire that the hostile 88 mm gun and two machine guns were silenced and their crews and many supporting riflemen wounded and disorganized. Only when the machine gun's ammunition was exhausted did Private First Class Spencer leave the exposed position and rejoin the convoy. Entered military service from California.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION) -- 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 enlisted men who are now missing in action:

Staff Sergeant Harold E. Schwartz, 33 618 670, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944 and 19 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant Charles R. Stuber, 32 771 607, 423d 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 New Jersey.

III -- 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 enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Harold W. Sweeney, 33 574 820, 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 Pennsylvania.

IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on the date shown:

Private First Class Robert E. Arnet, Jr., 36637421, Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Donald I. Gabbert, 37 409 354, Military Police Platoon 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Christian Guenther, Jr., 36 770 662, (then Private), Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 18 December 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Merlin K. Jenema, 36 912 506, (then Private), Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class James M. Joyner, 35 086 822, Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Donald O. Nelson, 37 488 708, Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Edward L. Pridgen, 14 004 839, Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Charles D. Polk, 33 957 639, Military Police Platoon, 106th Infantry Division, United States Army, on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Technician Fifth Grade Donald D. Allen, 33 440 031, (then Private First Class), 106th Signal Company, United States Army, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Seymour H. Zorn, 32 818 009, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade John W. Frank, 34 147 521, 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 19 December 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

V -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 38 -- So much of Section V, General Orders No. 38, dated 30 April 1945, as pertains to award of a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel William M. Slayden is amended to award a third bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal.

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