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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:

Technical Sergeant Ralph J. Murphy, 34 546 454, (then Staff Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Germany. During an intense hostile attack which had almost overrun the platoon, and knowing that the situation was becoming precarious because their supply of ammunition was nearly exhausted, Sergeant Murphy, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, on three different occasions, ran a gauntlet of artillery fire for a distance of one thousand yards and hand-carried sufficient ammunition to replenish the supply. Finding, upon his return that the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties, Sergeant Murphy unhesitatingly took command of the situation. Removing the casualties to the protection of dugouts, he immediately marshalled his firepower, regrouped the platoon and with great audacity directed its fire into the rear of the attacking Germans, who had by-passed his position and were now attacking an adjoining battalion. Completely surprised by this action, the enemy broke and abandoned the attack. The personal bravery and conspicuous leadership displayed by Sergeant Murphy reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

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 the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain Edward C. Podworny, O 408 485, 106th Division Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant William V. Shakespeare, O1 326 300, 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 New York.

Sergeant Waman R. Mills, 31 320 247, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Maine.

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Technician Fifth Grade Walter L. Tuttle, 37 512 523, 592d Field Artillery Battalion, (then 589th Field Artillery Battalion), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Raymond H. Sites, 33 939 179, (then Private), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Samuel H. Bordelon, 34 973 221, 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 Alabama.

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 the following enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy in Northwest Europe, on the date shown:

424TH INFANTRY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
Private Edwards, Gordon E.	31 001 521	13 January 1945	Vermont

592D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Technician Third Grade Stone, Edward M	13 004 738	16 December 1944	Pennsylvania
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By command of Brigadier General PERRIN:

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