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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:

First Sergeant Wallace G. Rifleman, 6 917 690, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. When his company, approaching an assigned objective, was pinned down by intense direct small arms and machine gun fire of a well-entrenched enemy, Sergeant Rifleman, ignoring the imminent personal danger, courageously rose from cover to rally his men. Valiantly disregarding the withering German fire, Sergeant Rifleman gallantly moved forward, encouraging his men to follow. Inspired to new heights of valor and self-sacrifice by his daring example, the troops, seizing the initiative, fiercely assaulted the hostile positions, and completely overpowered the enemy, thereby enabling the company to resume its advance. The dauntless leadership and courage of Sergeant Rifleman reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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:

First Lieutenant Orville H. Bauer, O 554 641, (then Second Lieutenant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant James R. Kennedy, O1 172 950, 592d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Rex C. Matson, O1 179 951, 592d Field Artillery 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 Utah.

Second Lieutenant Raphael W. Boyle, O2 005 563, (then Technical Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 16 January 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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Second Lieutenant Robert H. Britton, O 548 026, 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 Jersey.

Second Lieutenant Milton H. Myers, O2 005 569, (then Staff Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 December 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Anthony M. Yanulaitis, O2 005 570, (then Staff Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Sergeant Roger M. Rutland, 6 374 808, 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 South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Wayne M. Greer, 6 882 287, 592d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Paul G. Oxford, 34 546 819, 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 Florida.

Private First Class Clifford E. Desch, 32 828 532, 331st Medical Battalion, (then Medical Detachment, 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 New York.

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