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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 men:

Private First Class Willard T. Roper, 39 321 009, 423d Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action from 17 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Separated from their parent unit by rapidly advancing hostile forces, Private First Class Roper, an officer, and twenty men, despite their lack of food and adequate clothing, resolved to infiltrate through the enemy to the American lines. For two days and nights, Private First Class Roper, appointed lead scout, preceded the group, and by intrepid scouting and daring initiative repeatedly averted detection by the enemy. Safely reaching friendly lines, the group was attached as a rear guard platoon to an armored unit. When the officer left to report his observations, Private First Class Roper assumed command, capably organized and deployed the platoon, and directed the group's fire against viciously attacking enemy troops until he was wounded and evacuated from the scene. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Thomas F. Dowgin, 12 206 466, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945, in Germany. Assigned the hazardous mission of determining the strength and location of the enemy, a reconnaissance patrol, preceded by Private First Class Dowgin, lead scout, encountered a heavily-armed hostile combat patrol. Despite their perilously exposed position, Private First Class Dowgin voluntarily covered the withdrawal of the patrol and poured a deadly hail of submachine gun fire into the hostile forces, pinning them to the ground. Though seriously wounded, Private First Class Dowgin remained steadfast, firing with devastating accuracy until the other men had safely withdrawn. Only then, supported by the patrol's diversionary fire, did he retire to friendly territory. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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 officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant John A. Carmichael, 02 005 506, 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 Iowa.

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Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Sollars, 36 124 270, Medical Detachment, 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 Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John E. Kinmon, 34 708 214, (then Private), 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class John E. Connell, 37 671 290, (then Private), 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

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:

Private First Class Raymond S. Carson, 39 719 343, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, on 20 February 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph G. Petusky, 33 166 115, 81st Engineer Battalion, United States Army, on 28 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private David S. Kime, Jr., 33 510 546, 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 13 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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