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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously awarded to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant Albert J. Barnaby, OI 323 512, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Germany. During a furious artillery supported attack by overwhelming numbers of hostile infantry, Second Lieutenant Barnaby braved the devastating hail of fire to move among his platoon's positions and direct fire. By repeatedly emptying a rifle from an exposed point, Second Lieutenant Barnaby drew fire causing the enemy to reveal their positions, thereby providing targets for his men. Despite the overwhelming odds, Second Lieutenant Barnaby's men, inspired by his valiant disregard for his own safety, maintained an unyielding line until ordered to withdraw and consolidate with a reinforcing unit. After redeploying his platoon, Second Lieutenant Barnaby was killed by small arms fire while attempting to contact his encircled company command post. Entered military service from Ohio.

II -- 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 man:

Sergeant Richard L. Schmit, 36 811 753, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. When the company flank was hit by machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Schmit, machine gun squad leader, set up his weapon, and despite intense automatic weapons fire concentrated on the area, crawled to an exposed ridge to direct fire against the objective. Soon enemy counter machine gun fire severely wounded the gunner and assistant gunner, and Sergeant Schmit unhesitatingly crawled to the gun, and unaided, delivered effective fire on the hostile positions. During this action, he was painfully wounded, but refusing to abandon the gun, heroically supported the advancing riflemen until they had accomplished their mission. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edward J. Cole, 35 898 909, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 13 January 1945 and 25 January 1945, in Belgium. During a platoon advance across an open field, a devastating cross fire supplemented by violent mortar and artillery barrages inflicted severe casualties on the platoon. Although an enemy mortar shell, landing nearby, blew off his helmet and destroyed his carbine, Private First Class Cole, unshaken, continued supporting the advancing infantrymen with his sorely needed machine gun fire.

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When on 25 January 1945, his machine gun section was supporting an attack in a stubbornly defended village, Private First Class Cole, to more effectively provide covering fire, set up in a dangerously exposed position. Despite several severe wounds suffered in the course of this action, Private First Class Cole courageously remained at his post and delivered an intense hail of fire, thereby rendering invaluable support to the successful attack. Entered military service from Indiana.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously awarded to the following enlisted man.

Private John P. Mileff, 35 537 361, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV -- 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 officer and enlisted men.

Second Lieutenant Jack E. Warrington, O 438 827, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Francis J. Christoun, 31 261 008, (then Staff Sergeant) 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Stanley L. Lovett, Jr., 32 270 739, 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 New Jersey.

Corporal Mark L. White, Jr., 12 016 247, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Jerome F. Klein, 20 752 894, 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 Minnesota.

Private First Class William R. Smith, 33 590 164, 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 Pennsylvania.

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Private Frank T. Smith, Jr., 31 302 651, 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 Massachusetts.

V -- 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 man for wounds received in action against the enemy in Northwest Europe, on the date shown.

First Sergeant Richard W. Beggs, 36 810 370, (then Technical Sergeant), 422d Infantry, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, on 16 December 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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