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AWARD OF SILVER STAR	SECTION I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL	II

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 officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant Dale R. Carver, O 551 259, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, in Belgium. When the snow-covered route, vital for the movement of supplies and reinforcements, was blocked by mines planted on and near a bridge and the entire area was being blasted by concentrated German artillery and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Carver and an enlisted man volunteered to clear the route. Second Lieutenant Carver, under such intense enemy barrages that he was repeatedly forced to seek cover in the icy waters of the stream beneath the bridge, worked tirelessly probing for the mines by hand. Undaunted by the ever present danger of the exploding shells and possibility of detonating a mine, Second Lieutenant Carver and his assistant, unaided by mine detectors, removed and neutralized twenty-seven mines, clearing the urgently needed road. Entered the military service from Colorado.

Private First Class Elmer L. LaFleur, 37 588 907, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1945, in Belgium. When the snow-covered route, vital for the movement of supplies and reinforcements, was blocked by mines planted on and near a bridge and the entire area was being blasted by concentrated German artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class LaFleur voluntarily accompanied an officer to clear the route. Private First Class LaFleur, under such intense enemy barrages that he was repeatedly forced to seek cover in the icy waters of the stream beneath the bridge, worked tirelessly probing for the mines by hand. Undaunted by the ever present danger of the exploding shells and possibility of detonating a mine, Private First Class LaFleur and the officer, unaided by mine detectors, removed and neutralized twenty-seven mines, clearing the urgently needed road. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II -- 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:

Major William B. Perlman, O1 285 637, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 February 1945 to 14 March 1945, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant Riley W. Meeks, 14 000 748, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 27 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Andrew G. Yakupchina, 33 464 886, (then Corporal), 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.

Corporal William A. French, 36 874 357, (then Private), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Thomas G. Coen, Jr., 32 960 945, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December 1944 to 28 February 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

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