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HEADQUARTERS 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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Award of Silver Star-----
Award of Bronze Star-----

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I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 34, Headquarters Ninth United States Army, 3 September 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Paul B. Jones, Jr., 13131755, Corps of Engineers, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 8 August 1944, in France. During a counterattack by the enemy against the positions held by his platoon, Sergeant Jones' platoon leader was killed and his platoon commander severely wounded. Sergeant Jones took command of the platoon, and, through his capable leadership, regained control of the platoon which had become disorganized due to the fierce enemy artillery and small arms fire, and led them in successfully repulsing the counterattack. The enemy continued to direct a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire on the platoon's sector after they had withdrawn. This fire caused a number of casualties in the platoon. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Jones left the protection of his position and went to the help of the wounded men, carrying them out of the danger zone to a place of safety. The outstanding conduct exhibited by Sergeant Jones under fire was a profound inspiration to his comrades and is deserving of high recognition. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Lyman E. Spaulding, 36177432, Corps of Engineers, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1944, in Germany. During the advance of an infantry unit, Sergeant Spaulding and two companions volunteered for the hazardous mission of clearing a minefield which was under enemy observation and severe artillery and small arms fire. In spite of the extreme danger, Sergeant Spaulding and his companions successfully completed their mission. Through Sergeant Spaulding's determination and outstanding courage, the armored vehicles supporting the advance were able to move into positions. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Grade 5 Robert L. Proctor, 35687099, Corps of Engineers, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action during the period 16 November 1944 to 17 November 1944, in Germany. When an infantry force made an attack across an enemy minefield, a large number of casualties were suffered from the concealed mines. An engineer detail of which Technician Proctor was a member, was assigned the task of clearing lanes to the many wounded infantrymen. Since this was the type of minefield in which a mine detector was useless, Technician Proctor had to probe every inch of the way so as not to set off any mines. With total disregard for his own safety, Technician Proctor worked diligently for a long period of time to remove sixteen of his wounded comrades. The following day he volunteered to direct a bulldozer through the minefield, thereby exposing himself to the mines. While probing paths to the remaining wounded, Technician Proctor was wounded. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class D. P. Heath, 34372436, Corps of Engineers, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on