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I--Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section 1, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

JAMES L. ADAMS, 0887353, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. While on reconnaissance in advance of a platoon of the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, which was engaged in a mine sweeping assignment, Second Lieutenant Adams, Platoon Leader, was fired upon from an enemy strongpoint. Fully cognizant of the imminent danger, he quickly reorganized the platoon into an assault force and, without regard for his personal safety, led it in an attack on the enemy position until mortally wounded. The courageous and aggressive leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant Adams was a contributing factor to the successful accomplishment of the assault force's mission. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

ROBERT W. BOLLISH, 38148588, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of Tettingon, Germany. Attached to the * * Platoon of Company * *, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, Sergeant Bollish, Squad Leader, and five of his men demolished three enemy pillboxes. Then, when a heavily armed enemy fortification held up the advance of the Infantry, he led his men to the building where they placed and detonated demolition charges that weakened the fortification. Sergeant Bollish was killed in this action, but his performance made possible the subsequent capture of the objective. His gallantry was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Colorado.

HILBERT W. BECK, 37261037, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During a mine detecting assignment, when a platoon of the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion was fired upon by a well concealed enemy, Corporal Beck, Assistant Squad Leader, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily advanced with a companion to locate the enemy position. While in the prosecution of this mission, the companion was wounded by the enemy and in an effort to rescue him, Corporal Beck was mortally wounded. The courageous action of Corporal Beck caused the enemy to disclose its position and contributed immeasurably to the success of the ensuing attack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Nebraska.

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II--Award of Silver Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

DONALD R. HALE, 37491812, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse Ham, France. During the attack on Fort Koenigsmacher by Company " ", 358th Infantry, Sergeant Hale, Squad Leader, continually subjected himself to intermittent enemy machine gun fire and personally placed and detonated many explosive charges against the entrances and embrasures of the fortress. The cool, daring and exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant Hale materially aided the capture of the Fort. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Kansas.

III--Award of Bronze Star--Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

EDWIN A. BICKMAN, 37118780, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 20 August 1944. While on a mission to contact friendly Polish troops planning to meet our forces and close the Chambois Gap, Staff Sergeant Bickman (then Technician Fifth Grade) encountered intense enemy fire of various calibers. Mindful of his important mission, Staff Sergeant Bickman, without regard for his personal safety, ignored enemy fire directed at him, completed his mission and returned through the same dangerous area to give an accurate report to the Division G-3. His courage and devotion to duty materially aided the ensuing action and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Iowa.

HARVEY McNEIL, 36688995, Private, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement during operations on 10 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the establishment of a beachhead across the Moselle River by the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, a bulldozer operator was wounded. Private McNeil, Electrician, voluntarily replaced the wounded operator and finished leveling the ferry craft landing. He then drove the machine inland, despite intense enemy fire, and cleared enemy anti-tank obstacles. His courageous actions enabled a tank unit to continue their advance and materially aided the success of the mission. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

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