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I--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:

WILLIAM A. DENBAUGH, 01112648, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action during the period 9 - 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Cattenom, France. While First Lieutenant Denbaugh, Platoon Leader, and his troops were constructing a ferry to transport critically needed items across the swollen Moselle River, they were subjected to intermittent enemy artillery and small arms fire from enemy fortifications on the far side. Later, under cover of darkness, First Lieutenant Denbaugh with three men, voluntarily and at risk of his life, crossed the raging torrent and destroyed an enemy pillbox from which enemy observed artillery and small arms fire had been directed against them. His courageous and aggressive action aided materially in the successful completion of the ferry. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from California.

PERCY L. NEWHOUSE, 37081834, Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 and 11 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse Ham, France. During the attack, Sergeant Newhouse led a demolition squad on a mission of destroying strongpoints in the enemy-held Grand Fortress de Koenigsmacher. At risk of his life, Sergeant Newhouse carried demolition charges through areas subjected to intense enemy fire of various calibers and, while in direct view of the enemy, placed and ignited charges which destroyed the protective design of the fort. After the Fort had been taken, Sergeant Newhouse discovered an enemy minefield. After reporting its location, he personally led an infantry company through it and enabled them to move on to their next objective. Sergeant Newhouse's courage and excellent leadership materially aided the infantry's rapid penetration into enemy territory. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

II--AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR--. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, the Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

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JAMES L. BAUMGARTNER, 35896816, Private, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in operations on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Malling, France. During the construction of a foot bridge over the swollen Moselle River, enemy artillery barrages and small arms fire covered the sector, inflicting casualties. When advised to take cover, Private Baumgartner, Radio Operator, and a companion, without regard for personal safety, remained with a seriously wounded comrade, rendered first aid and carried him to a place of comparative safety. When the enemy fire subsided, with the aid of his companion, Private Baumgartner assisted litter bearers in carrying the wounded man to the rear, where he was given further medical treatment and evacuated. The prompt and courageous action of Private Baumgartner saved the life of the seriously wounded man. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Indiana.

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:

BYRON B. HERRON, 37138473, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 9 November 1944 in the vicinity of Basse Ham, France. Upon arrival at the Moselle River, a platoon of the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion discovered there were no ferrying troops at the site and all boats except one, were on the opposite shore. Staff Sergeant Herron, Platoon Sergeant, immediately organized a boat crew and, without regard for his personal safety, made four trips under an intense enemy artillery barrage to ferry the men across the river. After the platoon was successfully across, he kept the crew intact and ferried six aid-men. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Missouri.

JAMES E. LEDFORD, 7081023, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 23 July 1944 in the vicinity of Seves, France. While making a reconnaissance near the town, Staff Sergeant Ledford, Unit Foreman, observed four wounded men lying in an exposed position. Despite the intense enemy heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he and a companion carried the wounded men to a place of comparative safety and administered first aid. They then evacuated the four men and two walking wounded to the nearest Aid Station and obtained medical aid for other casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from South Carolina.

NORMAN E. BUNCE, 42025474, Corporal (Then Private First Class), Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. During a tactical move by the * * Platoon of Company * * of the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, a Squad Leader was seriously wounded. Private First Class Bunce, fully cognizant of the danger involved, advanced with a companion through intense enemy heavy tank fire and evacuated the casualty to the Medical Aid Station. His heroic achievement saved the wounded man's life and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from New York.

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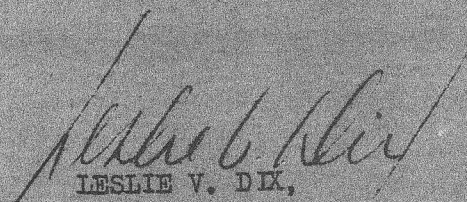
EMIL R. BUECHLER, 37169581, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 23 July 1944 in the vicinity of Seves, France. While making a reconnaissance near the town, Private First Class Buechler, Driver, observed four wounded men lying in an exposed position. Despite the intense enemy heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he and a companion carried the wounded men to a place of comparative safety and administered first aid. They then evacuated the four men and two walking wounded to the nearest Aid Station and obtained medical aid for other casualties. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from North Dakota.

THOMAS E. CHARLTON, 33798832, Private, Corps of Engineers, 315th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of Le Bourg-St. Leonard, France. During a tactical move by the * * Platoon of Company * * of the 315th Engineer Combat Battalion a Squad Leader was seriously wounded. Private Charlton, fully cognizant of the danger involved, advanced with a companion through intense enemy heavy tank fire and evacuated the casualty to the medical Aid Station. His heroic achievement saved the wounded man's life and was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,
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