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AWARD OF SILVER STAR	SECTION I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR	SECTION II

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, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

WAYNE M. HARRIS, 0328611, Major, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 4 to 8 December 1944 in the vicinity of Elmersdorf and Buron, Germany. During the Saar River operations, Major Harris was in command of two field artillery sections which were attached to his battalion. On many occasions, he, at risk of his life, made personal reconnaissances over heavily mined areas in full view of the enemy to locate new gun sites and direct fire on hostile positions. During an infantry attack on the town, he, despite intense shelling, directed accurate support artillery registrations on the enemy, destroying 11 targets in one day. His gallantry contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation and was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CARL R. WEINRICH, 0274091, Captain, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During the battle for the town, Captain Weinrich established artillery observation posts in the attic of a high building. At risk of his life, he advanced through devastating fire of various calibers, supervising the operations of his forward party and reconnoitering for more strategically located positions from which to observe the enemy. Though painfully wounded by a sniper, he declined evacuation, remained at his post and continued to register accurate artillery fire upon the enemy until the mission was completed. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

HUGH R. HIGGINS, 0470045, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During the Saar River operation, First Lieutenant Higgins crossed the torrent with the assault forces and established an observation post under heavy artillery and mortar shelling. He then moved, at risk of his life, from position to position through devastating machine gun and small arms fire and directed accurate artillery registrations upon the enemy. So effective were his fire concentrations that heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, and the infantry was enabled to hold its position intact. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Ohio.

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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, as amended, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

CARL R. WEINRICH, 0274091, Captain, Field Artillery, 343d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement on 3 October 1944 in the vicinity of Maizieres les Metz, France. During an attack near the town, Captain Weinrich established an artillery observation post under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When radio communication was rendered undependable by inclement weather and terrain features, he advanced through continued shelling to reconnoiter a wire route and establish a telephone line with his battalion. He then adjusted such accurate artillery fire upon enemy positions that the infantry was enabled to advance into the town. His heroic achievement was in accordance with military tradition. Entered Military Service from Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General EARNEST:

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