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- I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS).

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel John E. Pearce, 0215484, Corps of Engineers, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 April 1945. When a pontoon bridge over the Rhine-Hearno Canal was almost completed, an intense volley of enemy artillery fire destroyed most of the bridge, inflicting many casualties. Seeing a seriously wounded officer lying on a remaining pontoon of the bridge, Colonel Pearce, with utter disregard for his own personal safety ran into the intense enemy fire to the side of the casualty. With the aid of another officer, Colonel Pearce carried the wounded man to safety, narrowly escaping being crushed by a piece of heavy equipment rolling driverless toward the bridge site. The gallantry and courage of Colonel Pearce reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Captain Warren McKay, 01689622, Dental Corps, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 April 1945. When two men were seriously wounded by shrapnel from enemy artillery shells, Captain McKay and an enlisted man immediately and with utter disregard for their own personal safety, made a dash from the security of their shelter to the side of the casualties. Despite the intense enemy artillery fire, Captain McKay and his companion rendered immediate first aid and carried the wounded man through the enemy barrage to safety. The gallantry and courage of Captain McKay reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant William S. Barrett, 18154673, Corps of Engineers, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 8 April 1945. In the bridging operations over the Rhine-Hearno Canal, intense enemy artillery fire had already taken a toll in killed and wounded and threatened annihilation of a stranded group on the opposite shore. Sergeant Barrett, with utter disregard for his personal safety and knowing his movements would continue to draw enemy fire, set out on his hazardous voluntary mission. Miraculously escaping the enemy fire, Sergeant Barrett succeeded in placing some twenty smoke generators along the canal and under cover of this smoke, Sergeant Barrett and the stranded group returned to safety. Sergeant Barrett further distinguished himself by keeping the site supplied with smoke generators until the bridge was completed. The gallantry and courage of Sergeant Barrett reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Philip J. Lollica, 33760603, Corps of Engineers, 164th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 10 March 1945. When enemy artillery fire killed three of his men and wounded

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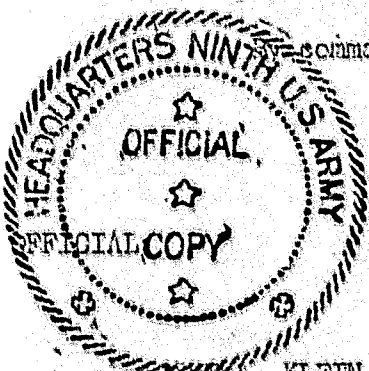
five others, Sergeant Lollica, with utter disregard for his personal safety, ordered the remainder of his detail to take cover and, accompanied by two aid men, went to render what assistance he could to the wounded. During the continued enemy shelling of the area, Sergeant Lollica remained with the aid men, rendering first aid for approximately one-half hour until they were evacuated. The gallantry and courage of Sergeant Lollica reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Calvin A. Fisher, 32845527, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 7 April 1945. When two men were seriously wounded by shrapnel from enemy artillery shells, Private Fisher and an officer immediately and with utter disregard for their own personal safety, made a dash from the security of their shelter to the side of the casualties. Despite the intense enemy artillery fire, Private Fisher and his companion rendered immediate first aid and carried the wounded men through the enemy barrage to safety. The gallantry and courage of Private Fisher reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943; as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Fred Perkins, 33101007, Quartermaster Corps, 3496th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army, for gallantry in action in Germany on 4 April 1945. When a gas convoy which he was commanding was ambushed and attacked by two enemy bazooka teams, three of the vehicles were immediately set on fire. Sergeant Perkins immediately organized the members of his convoy and led an attack on the enemy positions until he fell mortally wounded. Unable to walk, Sergeant Perkins drew his knife and insisted on trying to crawl to the enemy positions and had to be forcibly restrained by his own men who brought him to a nearby foxhole. During this time he continued to urge his men on to annihilate the enemy. As a result of this enemy engagement, Sergeant Perkins died on the scene of the action. The gallantry and courage of Sergeant Perkins reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General MOORE:



JOHN A. KLEIN,
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