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- I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.
- II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS).
- III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

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:

✓ Technician Third Grade Thomas J. Buchanan, 32037582, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 14 January 1945, Technician Buchanan, a medical aid man, moved forward with another aid man to assist two men who had been wounded during an enemy mortar barrage. While performing this gallant deed, they were subjected to a second enemy barrage which wounded both of them. Technician Buchanan returned to his lines to secure the assistance of the officer in charge and together they evacuated the three wounded men despite the known dangers of enemy action. The gallantry and courage of Technician Buchanan 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:

✓ *Rev. by HQ 314 - Sept. 16, 1945*
✓ Technician Third Grade Nicholas Kantzias, 36869958, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 172nd Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action. On 14 January 1945, Technician Kantzias, a medical aid man, moved forward with another aid man to assist two men who had been wounded during an enemy mortar barrage. While performing this gallant deed, they were subjected to a second enemy barrage. Technician Kantzias, continued with his mission to help his fallen comrades, despite bursting enemy shells, until he was mortally wounded. The gallantry and courage of Technician Kantzias reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

✓ Major Jacob H. May Jr., 0386761, Medical Corps, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

✓ Captain Edward J. Hammerbacher, 01583798, Medical Administrative Corps, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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✓ First Lieutenant William V. Ivay, 01541914, Medical Administrative Corps, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from North Carolina.

✓ Technical Sergeant Patrick Gentile, 33027261, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Technical Sergeant James F. McKenna, 32032218, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from New York.

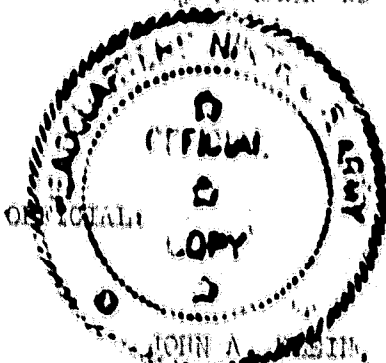
✓ Technical Sergeant William E. Messner, 33021525, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant John J. Kish, 3118058, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

✓ Sergeant Jay E. Schwartz, 37216086, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 3 February 1945. Entered military service from Kansas.

✓ Private First Class Charles H. Fennell, Jr., 39590810, Medical Department, 41st Evacuation Hospital, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 12 June 1944 to 31 January 1945. Entered military service from California.

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