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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a silver star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant WALTER R GILBERT, 11099574, Company K, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG, on the night of 27 December 1944, Sergeant GILBERT daringly led a nine man patrol across the Sure River, LUXEMBOURG, into enemy territory. Under his bold, fearless leadership the group fought their way through heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire and infiltrated twelve hundred yards behind enemy lines. Upon returning to the shore Sergeant GILBERT discovered their assault boats destroyed and gave orders for the patrol to swim the icy, sleet-whipped river, he himself remaining behind under fire until the last man had crossed successfully. The valuable information he gained regarding enemy disposition and strength enabled his battalion commander to plan a later assault crossing of the river. The inspiring leadership and courageous devotion to duty he displayed are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

Private First Class MILFORD R WALLS, 34916905, Company E, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG, on 24 December 1944, during action near ESCHDORF, LUXEMBOURG, an attacking infantry platoon was halted by intense fire from a concealed enemy machine gun position. In a heroic attempt to locate the machine gun, Private WALLS voluntarily went forward alone, braving the heavy fire, but was severely wounded as he neared the position. Despite his wound he hurled a grenade at the enemy, destroying the gun and killing the crew. His courageous action permitted the platoon to advance. His fearless determination and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private GEORGE S HEWITT, 35246743, Company D, 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in LUXEMBOURG, on the night of 30 December 1944, Private HEWITT manned a machine gun in action near KLUNDORF, LUXEMBOURG. During the night the enemy launched three fierce counter-attacks, and in each attack Private HEWITT'S position was brought under direct fire by assaulting tanks. He courageously held his position, inflicting tremendous losses upon the attacking infantry, and in the morning twenty enemy dead were counted in front of his gun. Private HEWITT'S heroic stand in complete disregard of his own safety distinguishes him as an outstanding soldier. His courageous devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56 Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated, to:

Colonel GEORGE PRAZAK, 018951, Medical Corps, 109th Evacuation Hospital, United States Army. 17 July 1944 to 5 May 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Captain C W HUTCHINSON, 252161, Royal Signals (British Army), Special Liaison Unit Number 6 (attached G-2 Section, Headquarters Third United States Army). 8 June 1944 to 26 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

First Sergeant MANUEL GREEN, 37473341, Company E, 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 6 August 1944 to 16 February 1945 in FRANCE.

Sergeant HARRY G. BETZ, 33160748, Company B, 631st Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. 12 September 1944 to 24 February 1945 in FRANCE and LUXEMBOURG.

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES B FOLKS, 32681158, 3966th Quartermaster Truck Company, United States Army. 1 August 1944 to 25 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

Corporal JOHN H MIESELER, 32505462, Medical Detachment, 503d Military Police Battalion, United States Army. 6 July 1944 to 1 May 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Corporal PAUL M SWEITZER, 36054925, Battery C, 174th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. 2 July 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Technician Fifth Grade FRANK D BAKER, 37347866, Company F, 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 6 August 1944 to 4 April 1945 in FRANCE.

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES O WILLOUGHBY, 33344938, Company E, 1301st Engineer General Service Regiment, United States Army. 6 August 1944 to 15 December 1944 in FRANCE.

Private First Class LEROY J FELLING, 37290875, 414th Medical Collecting Company, United States Army. 4 December 1944 to 30 April 1945 in FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

Private First Class FRANK JOHNSON, 37491657, Headquarters 182d Medical Battalion, United States Army. 5 December 1944 to 29 April 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG and GERMANY.

Private First Class MILES G MCCORMAUGHY JR, 35913899, 293d Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. 27 February 1945 to 22 April 1945 in FRANCE and GERMANY.

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III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal and four Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a Fifth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to;

First Lieutenant DELMAR N BARNES, 0556507, Field Artillery, 101st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY on 29 March 1945.

2. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to;

First Lieutenant WARREN R BEHM, 01176550, Field Artillery, 176th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY from 20 March 1945 to 27 April 1945.

IV. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 Mar 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is Awarded to the following units for service between the dates indicated;

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PERIOD OF SERVICE</u>
Medical Detachment, 1306th Engineer General Service Regiment	1 November 1944 to 20 January 1945
Company B, 1306th Engineer General Service Regiment	20 September 1944 to 10 December 1944
618th Quartermaster Depot Company	14 January 1945 to 14 March 1945

By command of General PATTON:

HOBART R. GAY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
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