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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters, United States Army, 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant ELMORE H BISHARD, 01184354, Field Artillery, 776th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 5 April 1945, the reconnaissance party of which Lieutenant BISHARD was a member encountered enemy forces in WUTHA GERMANY. Deliberately exposing himself to fire in the ensuing enemy attack he secured positions from which he could fire on the infiltrating enemy. Unaided he entered and cleared a house of enemy troops in order to more effectively cover his companions. Although painfully wounded, he continued his daring fight until the arrival of overwhelming enemy reinforcements, supported by heavy automatic weapons, and the shortage of ammunition forced the party to surrender. Lieutenant BISHARD'S courageous resourcefulness and complete disregard for personal safety reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant MARION D CLOUD, 0538598, Infantry, 304th Infantry Regiment, 76th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 15 March 1945, while serving as Platoon Leader, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 304th Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant CLOUD was assigned the mission of leading a motorized patrol from a bridgehead on the Moselle River through enemy territory to contact a friendly mechanized cavalry force, believed to be two miles distant. Lacking substantiated intelligence information as to size and disposition of enemy troops, he led his patrol through extremely dangerous territory by his own initiative and fearless cunning. Carefully skirting minefields, by-passing road blocks, and possible ambushes, by following a circuitous route across fields and stream beds, the patrol probed deep into enemy-held ground without establishing contact with friendly units. With great courage and daring, Lieutenant CLOUD led his patrol in numerous swift attacks on small villages, subduing and capturing many of the defending enemy troops. Unable to properly dispose of these prisoners, the patrol disarmed them and placed them in the custody of the village burgemeisters. On one occasion, when ambushed by an enemy armored vehicle supported by infantry, Lieutenant CLOUD aggressively directed his patrol in a fierce fire-fight that forced the enemy to withdraw. After traveling a distance of more than eight miles, friendly armor was sighted and much valuable information was furnished them. Lieutenant CLOUD again took the lead of the patrol and safely directed the hazardous return through the area previously traversed. Traveling

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the tedious route through extreme darkness, the patrol was subjected to intense fire numerous times, but largely due to Lieutenant CLOUD'S capable leadership, safely reached their organization without casualties. The daring gallantry and intrepid leadership displayed by Lieutenant CLOUD reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant ROBERT R ARCHER, 31371031, Headquarters and Service Company, 135th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 26 March 1945, while serving as Construction Foreman with Company "C", 188th Engineer Combat Battalion, Sergeant ARCHER was assigned the mission of dropping depth charges at irregular intervals in the Rhine River to prevent enemy patrols from returning to the hostile shore, or infiltrating defenses to destroy a ponton bridge under construction. While waiting on shore, preparatory to another hazardous trip, Sergeant ARCHER heard cries for help from a crew of men from an adjoining engineer unit, whose boat was out of control in the raging current of the river. With another man, Sergeant ARCHER went to their rescue and disregarding enemy fire, they swiftly dragged the nearly unconscious men from the icy water and safely piloted the dangerously overloaded boat through the fierce current to the friendly shore. The unselfish courage and swift daring actions of Sergeant ARCHER saved the lives of three soldiers and reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



DON E CARLETON,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

HEROLD PENGELLY,
Lieutenant Colonel, A.G.D.,
Acting Adjutant General.

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