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NUMBER 49 SECTION I - Award of Silver Star (Posthumous).  
SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.  
SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS). By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 29 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 27 May 1946, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

First Lieutenant FEARN FIELD, 026209, Field Artillery, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 6 March 1945, in the face of heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant FIELD assisted his platoon commander in establishing a sound ranging base to locate enemy guns which were delaying the advance of attacking forces. As the operation progressed, the base was thrown out of action before dawn by a sudden enemy counterattack which surrounded a vital sound ranging outpost. Lieutenant FIELD volunteered to join a small, lightly armed rescue force and set out in the fog and darkness to search for the trapped men. When the force was ambushed by a strongly entrenched enemy employing heavy machine gun fire, Lieutenant FIELD gallantly advanced single handedly against the enemy, fighting courageously until sustaining fatal wounds in the ensuing action. His great fortitude, intrepid determination and unflinching devotion to his men and his duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant DON D LITTLE, 0519238, Field Artillery, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery Observation Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 6 March 1945, in the face of heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant LITTLE directed his platoon in establishing a sound ranging base to locate enemy guns which were delaying the advance of attacking forces. As the operation progressed, the base was thrown out of action before dawn by a sudden enemy counterattack which surrounded a vital sound ranging outpost. Realizing the necessity for immediate action, Lieutenant LITTLE organized a small volunteer rescue force and set out in the fog and darkness in search of the trapped men. While gallantly rallying his men ambushed by strongly entrenched enemy, he was seriously wounded by the intense enemy fire. His high courage, indomitable leadership, and supreme devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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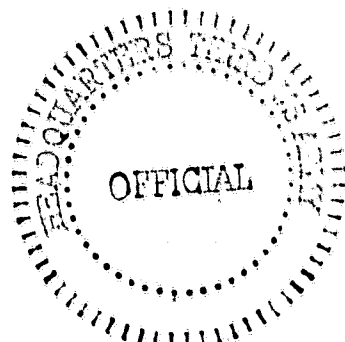
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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 27 May 1946, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

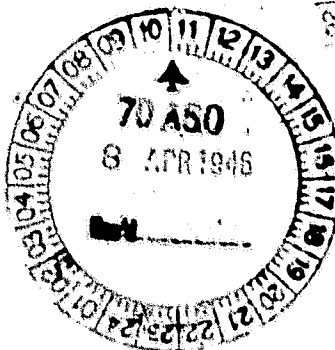
Technician Fifth Grade HUBERT R HIATT, 33530588, 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 6 April 1945, when the ammunition supply of the mortar platoon with which Technician Fifth Grade HIATT served as a driver, was nearly exhausted in neutralizing an enemy counterattack, he was directed to obtain a new supply. The only route to the company ammunition dump was under direct observation and artillery fire from the enemy. With outstanding singleness of purpose and defiance of personal danger, Technician Fifth Grade HIATT drove through heavy enemy fire and immediately returned to his platoon with the vitally needed ammunition. His disregard of personal safety and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



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

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



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