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SECTION II - Award of Silver Star.
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ABRAHAM JAMAIL, 18114594, 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 23 June 1944, Staff Sergeant JAMAIL volunteered to accompany another enlisted man and an officer on a night patrol into hostile territory to ascertain the strength and disposition of the heavily fortified enemy main line of resistance in Forêt de Mont Castro, France. Upon approaching the enemy line of resistance, the patrol was subjected to intense machine gun fire. Undeterred, Staff Sergeant JAMAIL with his companions, crawled under the murderous fire to within ten yards of an enemy emplacement. Though severely shaken by six hostile grenades, he courageously moved further into the hostile sector and assisted in preparing a sketched map of mortar and artillery positions and the terrain features of the region. When the patrol returned to friendly lines the following day, the accurate data which they had obtained was employed to great advantage in planning a subsequent action which successfully reduced the fortifications and penetrated the enemy defenses. Staff Sergeant JAMAIL'S determination, aggressive courage, and supreme devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the military service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, 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:

Master Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) JOHN E HEFFERNAN, 20112377, 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 23 June 1944, Master Sergeant HEFFERNAN volunteered to accompany another enlisted man and an officer on a night patrol into hostile territory to ascertain the strength and disposition of the heavily fortified enemy main line of resistance in Forêt de Mont Castro, France. Upon approaching the enemy line of resistance, the patrol was subjected to intense machine gun fire. Undeterred, Master Sergeant HEFFERNAN with his companions, crawled under the murderous fire to within ten yards of an enemy emplacement.

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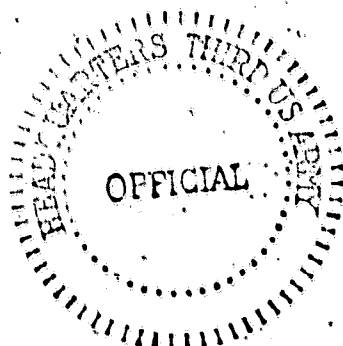
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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Second Lieutenant JOHN H PIERPONT, 01039848, Chemical Warfare Service, Company C, 95th Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 5 April 1945, during concentrated enemy mortar barrages in the area surrounding his platoon command post, Second Lieutenant PIERPONT observed a soldier from an adjoining unit sustain serious wounds from the enemy fire. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Second Lieutenant PIERPONT went to the aid of the soldier and under continuous devastating fire, carried him to a position of comparative safety and secured medical care for the wounded man. Second Lieutenant PIERPONT'S defiant courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:



H. G. MADDOX,
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Acting Chief of Staff.

THOMAS ROBINSON,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
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