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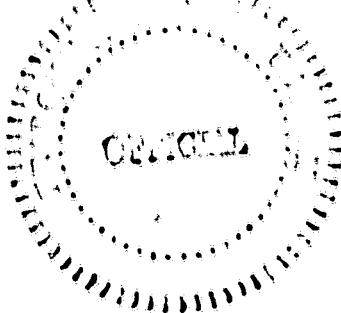
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By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 29 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to:

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Sergeant LANNIS P. KELLER, 6636897, Company "A", 70th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 11 February 1945, when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were seriously wounded, leaving their platoon without responsible leadership in a hazardous position, Sergeant Keller voluntarily went forward on foot through intense enemy artillery and rocket fire to assume command of the platoon. He quickly disciplined the panicky platoon and with skillful and courageous leadership, displaced the platoon from the untenable position. On the following morning, Sergeant Keller took personal command of the platoon and led them in a highly commendable manner in their attack and capture of the town of Hermesland, Germany. Sergeant Keller's exceptional leadership, daring and coolness under fire reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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