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- Award of the Silver Star Medal . . . . . I
- Award of the Soldier's Medal . . . . . II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal . . . . . III
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**I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 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 Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant HARDIN RISNER, 15064025, 10th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 17 November 1944, while leading a mortar squad in support of his attacking company, Sergeant RISNER discovered two enemy automatic weapons sections in a position to outflank the company, which had passed, leaving the rear elements exposed. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant RISNER rushed the emplacements and surrounding riflemen, firing his weapon and throwing grenades among them. Through this sudden and vicious assault, the entire enemy force was annihilated. Sergeant RISNER's unselfish actions, indomitable courage and loyal devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

**II - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class JOSEPH A. KEARNEY, 42187602, G-3 Historical Section, XX Corps, United States Army, For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On 5 September 1945 while Private KEARNEY and several other soldiers were vacationing at a beach at TUTZING, GERMANY, one of the party, an inexperienced swimmer, having swum out to deep water, became exhausted and went under water. Private Kearney and a comrade dived into the water to rescue the drowning soldier, and succeeded in bringing him safely to shore, thereby saving his life. Private Kearney's heroic, unselfish actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

**III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular Number 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals for meritorious service in connection with military operations

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against an enemy of the United States during the respective periods indicated.

Colonel JOHN F. KAHLE, Coast Artillery Corps, Fifth United States Army, in ITALY.

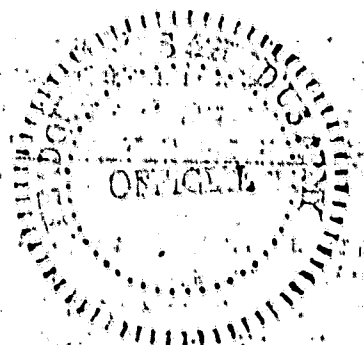
Captain JOHIAH T. NEWCOMB, JR., O-1014281, Service Company, 786th Tank Battalion, United States Army. 30 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY.

IV - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class KENNARD L. RAMBO, 42142269, Company K, 18th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For wounds received as a direct result of enemy action on 21 December 1944, in the European Theater of Operations.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL PARKER:

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