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Award of the Silver Star Medal (Posthumous). I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President and under the provisions of Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1946, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant NCRVEL HAMONS, 15064675, 10th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action in FRANCE. On 10 September 1944, Sergeant HAMONS was serving as a heavy machine gun section leader, defending a bridgehead position on the Moselle River, when concentrated enemy artillery and mortar fire was directed on the position. This devastating barrage was immediately followed by a strong enemy counterattack spearheaded by tanks. Subjected to point-blank fire from the tanks and intense small arms fire, the platoon suffered heavy casualties and began to fall back. Although seriously wounded, Sergeant HAMONS held his position, directing withering fire on the enemy infantry which inflicted numerous casualties and retarded the advance. When ordered to withdraw, Sergeant HAMONS' wounds were so serious that he was unable to walk. Rather than impede the withdrawal and endanger his comrades, Sergeant HAMONS asked that he be left behind and died on the field of battle. His indomitable courage, intrepid determination, and unselfish devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the military service.

II - AWARD OF THE 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, dated 20 March 1944, as amended by Section I, Circular 56, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, dated 27 May 1946, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

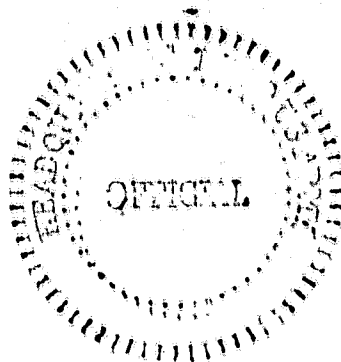
Technical Fourth Grade JOHN H. SMITH, 38206272, Headquarters Battery, 241st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in GERMANY. On 13 December 1944, Technician SMITH was assisting a forward observer when their observation post was attacked by a platoon of enemy infantry with tank support. He remained steadfast at his post and maintained constant communication with his battalion, permitting the observer to direct accurate artillery fire which disrupted the enemy attack and forced them to withdraw. Technician SMITH's courage, determination, and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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