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SECTION I - Award of Silver Star.
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SECTION III - Award of Bronze Star Medal.

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. - 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:

Private First Class WILLIAM KOZEMCHAK, 33704126, Company G, 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States Army. For gallantry in action in GERMANY. On 25 February 1945, preparatory to a daylight assault on heavily fortified Siegfried Line positions near HOLZCHEN, GERMANY, Private First Class KOZEMCHAK volunteered to seek out and destroy two enemy pillboxes which were impeding the advance of his platoon. With four hostile captives as guides, he located the first strongpoint and led a squad in a fierce attack against it, capturing it and forty-four enemy soldiers. In spite of withering enemy automatic weapons fire from all directions, he resumed the assault against an adjacent pillbox and captured it, taking fifteen more hostile troops prisoner. Private First Class KOZEMCHAK'S heroic leadership enabled his comrades to attain their objective. His aggressive actions and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY). - 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class COOPER TAHARA, 39083496, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. On 5 November 1944, during an advance near LA HOUSIERRE, FRANCE, Private First Class TAHARA'S company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from two concealed emplacements. With deadly automatic rifle fire, he dispersed one crew and forced the other to abandon its position. When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack the following morning, he vigorously defended an exposed flank of his company and stood his ground to cover withdrawing comrades until wounded mortally by hostile fire. Private TAHARA'S aggressiveness; his unselfish actions and supreme devotion to duty live on as an inspiration to the men with whom he fought.

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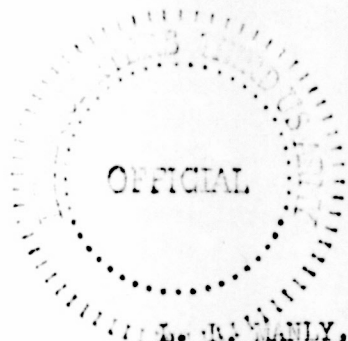
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III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. - By Direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 52, Hq ETO US Army, 20 March 1944, as amended by Sec I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant KARL M. RODEEN, 15106595, Headquarters Fifth United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in ITALY. From 30 October 1944 to 4 November 1944, during action near SAN CLEMENTE, ITALY, staff Sergeant RODEEN fearlessly exposed himself to heavy concentrations of hostile fire in order to provide a smoke screen between our positions and those of the enemy. With utter disregard for his own safety, he braved fire and accurate hostile artillery barrages to maintain the screen at a maximum density and thus facilitate the relief of friendly forces. Staff Sergeant RODEEN'S dutiful actions and loyal, untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant GEORGE NOGUCHI, 590037914, Company I, 442d Regimental Combat Team, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in FRANCE. From 2 November 1944 to 15 November 1944, during fierce action near PIFFONTAINE, FRANCE, sergeant NOGUCHI on several occasions exposed himself to intense enemy artillery concentrations to administer first aid to fallen comrades. When wounded with two others of a voluntary reconnaissance patrol, he refused evacuation in order to render treatment to the others and effect their evacuation to safety. Sergeant NOGUCHI'S unselfish actions and loyal devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRUSCOTT:



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

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