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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY). Pursuant to authority contained in AH 600-46, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Silver Star Medal is awarded (posthumously) to the following Officer:

J. Laverne Nicklas, O327455, Captain, Company B, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States on 16 April 1945. During the attack on ***** Germany, Captain Nicklas personally went forward on foot to reconnoiter a strongly-defended enemy road block in the center of the village. Disregarding his own danger, he then led the tanks and infantry into town and directed the leading tank's fire on the obstacle and a house filled with German troops. While directing these operations Captain Nicklas was killed by enemy rifle fire. Captain Nicklas' courageous actions and complete devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from New Mexico.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AH 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 2, Headquarters First United States Army, 4 January 1945, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following Officers and Enlisted Men:

Richard D. Sutton, O301104, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters Third Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States on 14 April 1945. When the commanding officer of the Third Battalion of his Regiment was wounded, Lieutenant Colonel Sutton, Regimental Executive Officer, assumed command of the battalion and fearlessly led the battalion across the ***** River. Lieutenant Colonel Sutton went forward with the leading elements of the battalion to be in position to personally direct the attack, during which time he was subjected to enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Throughout this action Lieutenant Colonel Sutton displayed outstanding qualities of courage and leadership as he skillfully directed the action of the battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Sutton's intrepidity under fire and intomitable spirit were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Florida.

Frank W. Jones, O25178, First Lieutenant, Company A, *** Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States on 16 April 1945. When stubborn enemy resistance halted the initial thrusts of a mechanized task force and killed the commander of the leading company, Lieutenant Jones, under fire, skillfully and gallantly reorganized the attackers and launched a devastating attack which crushed the enemy and forced the surrender of the defended village. His devotion to duty and intrepidity under fire exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Frank V. McFarland, 38406892, Technical Sergeant, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States on 18 March 1945. While advancing with his platoon to clear a wooded area near ***** Germany, Technical Sergeant McFarland was fired on by enemy machine guns, small arms and rifle grenades. Despite a painful leg wound, he directed his men to return the fire and led the attack against the concealed enemy positions, personally eliminating one enemy machine gun. In this action, thirty prisoners were taken and five enemy killed. Technical Sergeant McFarland's gallant actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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