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SECTION I--AWARDS OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM O. DARBY, 019133, Lieutenant Colonel, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Lieutenant Colonel Darby's unit was assigned the mission of harassing the enemy and clearing the area of machine gun and cannon positions which were obstructing the advance of our troops. Without regard for his personal safety, the day previous to the raid, he reconnoitered enemy positions and planned the attack which he led the following morning at 0100 hours. The thorough organization and successful attack led by Lieutenant Colonel Darby himself, revealed his initiative, courage, and a devotion to duty which is a credit to the armed forces of the United States. (Medal No. 19498).

HERMAN W. DAMMER, 0389797, Major, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Major Dammer executed the details of the plan, and personally led part of the Battalion in the attack set down by his commanding officer, which was responsible for reducing enemy machine gun nests and gun positions holding up the advance of our troops. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Major Dammer was directly responsible for the successful outcome of the raid as planned and is deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19576).

LEONARD F. DIRKS, 0386526, Captain, Company A (then 1st Lieutenant), ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Captain Dirks led his company in the assault of heavy machine gun and cannon positions, in a manner which inspired vigorous participation by all members of his unit. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty, displayed by Captain Dirks, was a credit to the armed forces of the United States, and his highly commendable. (Medal No. 19854)

ROY A. MURRAY, 032782, Captain, Company F, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Captain Murray led his company in the assault of the high ground which was held by the enemy and protected by machine gun and cannon emplacements. He was personally responsible for the mission of knocking out a 50mm machine gun which contributed to the successful results which were achieved. The courage and leadership displayed by Captain Murray, inspired great effort on the part of the men in his company which is highly commendable. (Medal No. 19568).

MAX F. SCHNEIDER, 0384849, Captain, Company E, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Captain Schneider displayed courage and devotion to duty while leading the members of his company in a frontal attack on enemy machine gun nests and cannon emplacements which had held up the advance of our forces the previous day. Captain Schneider's leadership and direction inspired confidence among the men of his unit to carry on their respective assignments to the successful ending, which is deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19540).

Mervin T. Heacock, 20708520, Sergeant, Company A, ***** Battalion. For

gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Sergeant Heacock led his section in a manner which was directly responsible for the successful attack on enemy machine gun positions made by his unit. Although severely wounded, he continued the assault, directing the members of his section to the final objective and reducing enemy resistance. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Heacock is deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19555).

Donald G. McCollam, 20704927, Sergeant, Company A, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943 in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Sergeant McCollam displayed courage and devotion to duty during the assault on machine gun nests and gun emplacements after receiving severe wounds about the head and face when he continued to lead his section, achieving the final objective and reducing enemy resistance. Sergeant McCollam's display of leadership was an inspiration to the members of his section and reflects credit upon his command. (Medal No. 19550)

Austin W. Low, 20703774, Technician 5th Grade, Company F, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Corporal Low, assistant Browning Automatic Rifle operator, in the assault attack on enemy position, came to the aid of his Browning Automatic Rifle operator who was wounded in action, carried him to cover, then manned the gun and continued the assault. The fire from his Automatic rifle was directly responsible for clearing out a machine gun position and allowing the advance of our troops without loss. Corporal Low's devotion to duty is highly commendable and deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19546).

Owen E. Sweasey, 35170749, Technician 5th Grade, Company E, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Corporal Sweasey, acting as scout for his squad in the assault, charged a machine gun nest with fixed bayonet under direct fire from the enemy position and reduced resistance which allowed the other members of his platoon to successfully continue the attack. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Sweasey, is a credit to his command and deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19861).

Edwin L. Dean, 37006282, Private First Class, Company E, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, acting as a scout for his squad, with fixed bayonet, charged a machine gun nest in the face of intense machine gun and rifle fire and captured and destroyed the personnel and equipment of the enemy position, which allowed the movement of the other members of his platoon to advance without loss to a point where they successfully continued the assault. Private First Class Dean's courage and devotion to duty is highly commendable and reflects great credit upon the command. (Medal No. 19539).

Joseph Dye, 6663075, Private First Class, Company E, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Private First Class Dye, acting as a scout for his squad, with fixed bayonet charged a machine gun nest in the face of intense fire, destroying and capturing enemy personnel and occupying the machine gun nest. It was due directly to the efforts of Private First Class Dye that the remainder of his squad was allowed to continue the assault without loss. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dye was an inspiration to the other members of his unit and is deserving of the highest praise. (Medal No. 19534).

Leslie M. Ferrier, 37026758, Private First Class, Company F, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the

vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Private First Class Ferrier, charging a 40mm gun position with the use of hand grenades, was individually responsible for destroying the enemy gun and personnel which had held up the advance of our forces. The manner of handling the situation by the use of hand grenades, inspired confidence in other members of his group to carry out their assignments in reducing all enemy resistance in the area. Private First Class Ferrier's courage and devotion to duty is highly commendable and reflects great credit upon the command. (Medal No. 19547).

Jacque M. Nixon, 20705297, Private First Class, Company E, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, Private First Class Nixon, acting as scout for his squad, charged with fixed bayonet under fire of a enemy machine gun nest and stopped the enemy fire at a point which was directly responsible for the successful advance of the other members of his platoon without loss. Private First Class Nixon's courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all members of his organization and reflects credit on the command. (Medal No. 19535).

Gerrit J. Rensink, 37043068, Sergeant, Company F, ***** Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the early morning of ** February 1943, in the vicinity 5 miles west of *****, Tunisia, under heavy fire from two places, single handed, Sergeant Rensink charged one enemy position and reduced their resistance. With fixed bayonet, he continued the assault on the second position and destroyed the enemy, which allowed the advance of the other members of his section. Sergeant Rensink's devotion to duty and display of courage, was an inspiration to all members of his section, which was directly responsible for the successful raid conducted by the members of his group. The courage and leadership of Sergeant Rensink is highly commendable and reflects great credit upon the command. (Medal No. 19644).

SECTION II--AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action:

				<u>MEDAL NO.</u>
Maj	WARREN J. BARKER	023638	2nd Bn, 16th Med Regt	100987
2nd Lt	DANIEL J. ROBERTS	0395081	26th Infantry	82573
1st Lt	HARRIS FORD	0327068	Co B, 26th Infantry	91131
2nd Lt	ROBERT W. NEAL	01283468	Co E, 1st Ranger Bn	89088
1st Lt	CHARLES L. SUTHERLAND	01040827	694th Sep CA Bn	84984
2nd Lt	JOSEPH S. VARHOLY	01041254	Co D, 213th CA (AA)	84999
1st Lt	JOHN SWERYDA	0423014	1st Bn, 213th CA (AA)	85985
WOJG	EMIL D. SASSE	W2109268	Hq, II Corps	82734
Pfc	Frank J. Bilicki	33067442	26th Infantry	82682
Sgt	George I. Seamons	6974573	26th Infantry	82637
Pfc	Shelby F. Clagg	35202112	26th Infantry	82701
Pfc	Julian T. Trosper	35264177	26th Infantry	82598
Pfc	Charles A. Swenson	12010215	26th Infantry	82672
Sgt	William F. Galgay	11020936	26th Infantry	82639
Pvt	Ronald R. Kramer	33145024	26th Infantry	82562
Cpl	Jesse W. Brantley	6954759	26th Infantry	82714
S/Sgt	Frank J. Graber	6909685	26th Infantry	82599
Pvt	John W. Thayer	33246557	26th Infantry	82613
Pvt	Eugene J. Beeh	32304581	26th Infantry	82646
Pvt	Thomas H. Clifford	32376603	26th Infantry	82635
Pfc	Joseph M. Fay	13052471	26th Infantry	82723
Pfc	John L. McGowan	34147036	26th Infantry	82675
Cpl	Francis R. O'Grady	31000020	26th Infantry	82713
Sgt	James T. Reynolds	6141227	26th Infantry	82577

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Pfc	Harry B. Shattuck	11002031	26th Infantry 82712
Pvt	Stanley B. Okland	37269675	26th Infantry 82678
Pfc	Wm. Goldberg, Jr.	12009277	Co B, 26th Infantry 91152
Pvt	George E. Owens	15056181	Co C, 26th Infantry 91156
Pvt	Jess G. Baugh	12021660	Serv Co, 26th Infantry 91125
T/5	James G. Abel	34020536	105th CA Bn (AA) 81278
Pvt	William Hanna	18108972	105th CA Bn (AA) 81582
Pvt	Peter J. Donnelly	32220055	Btry D, 443rd AA 79352
Pvt	John W. Rosst	33104249	Co D, 168th Inf 82283
Cpl	Isadore Freed	35045814	Co A, 168th Inf 83431
T/5	Carl S. Best	6956886	26th Infantry 96452
Pvt	Azis Figueroa	32181470	Hq Co, 805th TD Bn 89507
Pvt	Joseph W. Henry	33173640	805th TD Bn 85011
Pfc	Gilbert M. Hurd	31000092	16th Medical Regt 100104
Pvt	Albert F. Ball	39076309	19th Engrs 89611
Pvt	Albert F. Hanson	16052623	19th Engrs 89609
Pvt	Frank J. Osuna	32350875	213th CA 82601
Cpl	Walter J. Shockey	20329551	213th CA 82606
T/4	William Perkins	6886928	213th CA 82663
Pfc	John F. Conry	32260137	443rd CA 82684
Pvt	Ralph Landon	12064740	601st TD Bn 82687
Pvt	James Morgan	39093707	Co D, 19th Combat Engrs 85114
Pvt	Zenon E. Trasewick	31052194	Co B, 805th TD Bn 85067
T/4	Carle F. Ellis	6958253	Hq & Serv, 19th Engrs 84998
Cpl	Clayton L. Schmel	33082329	Co B, 805th TD Bn 85098
T/5	John Cook	32202023	Co B, 601st TD Bn 85033
Pvt	Russell L. Morris	32351698	Co A, 26th Infantry 91168
Sgt	Joseph Barna	6853120	Btry B, 33rd FA Bn 91186
Pfc	John L. Amarel	6154624	Btry B, 33rd FA Bn 82608
Pvt	Andrew R. Rossi	12886239	Co G, 16th Infantry 91187
Pfc	Forrest E. Kimball	11014791	Btry C, 33rd FA Bn 89171
Pvt	William J. Hamilton	35426059	Btry C, 33rd FA Bn 89159

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