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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 3 c, Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following named enlisted men:

WILLIAM H. KING, 6383829, First Sergeant, Company "A", * * * Parachute Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 28 December 1944 near Sadzot, Belgium. During an enemy counterattack, First Sergeant KING advanced into the deadly enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to direct his men to a ditch in which they could establish a defense to repulse the enemy. He personally took charge of all the men in the area, bringing them into a firing position in the ditch. First Sergeant KING continued to expose himself by walking up and down along the ditch, in the open, directing the fire. When three medium tanks were brought up to reinforce the position, First Sergeant KING again exposed himself in order to assist in plugging the tanks in an effective position. His quick thinking, prompt action, and gallant leadership were instrumental in the success of the attack and in preventing the loss of Sadzot. Entered military service from New York.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS, 38141040, Private First Class, Company "B" * * * Parachute Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action, on 24 December 1944, near Soy, Belgium. During an attack by his platoon against strong enemy positions, Private First Class ROBERTS, a BAR man, with utter disregard for his own safety, aggressively led a group of men 300 yards up-hill, over-running the enemy positions. During the entire assault he fearlessly ignored enemy fire, remaining in an upright position, in order to obtain the most effective fire from his weapon. His courage, aggressiveness, and accurate fire were an inspiration to the men and were a great factor in the success of the attack. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

DON L. LINDSON, 39082532, Private, Company "C", * * * Parachute Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1944, near Stuy, Belgium. Acting on his own initiative and without regard for his own personal safety, Private LINDSON moved into intense enemy fire with his machine gun. He fired his weapon from the hip and neutralized two enemy machine guns. Private LINDSON'S courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Wasco, California.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 3 c, Section I, Circular Number 32, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men: