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GENERAL ORDERS:

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to:

Sergeant Fausto J. Satriale, 32642141, Infantry (Armored), 748th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action at Weis, Germany, on 24 January 1945. When one of the assault guns of his section was stalled in full view of the enemy Sergeant Satriale, Tank Commander of an Assault Gun Platoon, knowing the stalled tank's gun was inoperative, unhesitatingly ordered his own tank into an exposed position to draw enemy fire. The enemy fire of all descriptions, including rocket, artillery, and mortar, was concentrated upon Sergeant Satriale and his tank, allowing the disabled tank to withdraw. Exposing himself through the open turret hatch to locate the source of the enemy barrage, Sergeant Satriale was instantly killed when an enemy mortar shell landed and exploded on the tank. His initiative, striking courage, and heroic devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon Sergeant Satriale and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant James L. Brummer (then Second Lieutenant), 01058738, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Advancing with the forward elements of the I & R Platoon, Lieutenant Brummer, Regimental Liaison Officer, was exposed to enemy small-arms fire as he reached a bridge across the Traun River in Linz. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Brummer ran across the bridge toward the enemy, followed by three enlisted men. Reaching the opposite side, he observed an enemy force preparing the bridge for demolition. He surprised the Germans with his swift action and captured them. Surmising that enemy holding forces would be situated in the nearby woods, Lieutenant Brummer, accompanied by an enlisted man, advanced toward them under fire. Aggressively combing the woods, he captured 75 Germans, then returned to the bridge and neutralized the explosive charges. His unflinching heroism, calmness under fire, and inspiring leadership reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Brummer and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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First Lieutenant Stanton P. Kunzi, 01019315, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For gallantry in action near Egelfingen, Germany, on 3 May 1945. Given the mission of reconnoitering the Regimental front along the Inns River, Lieutenant Kunzi, Company "A" Executive Officer led a ten-man patrol on a series of daring exploits. Boldly moving through enemy territory, Lieutenant Kunzi and his men surrounded and forced the surrender of a town and its garrison, seized a German vehicle and, proceeding with speed, attacked a roadblock defended by superior numbers. They routed fifteen defenders after inflicting casualties. With the patrol, Lieutenant Kunzi then moved into Suban, Austria, captured six SS-men, disarmed forty guards to liberate 700 Allied prisoners of war, and, after establishing a CP in the city, collected vast amount of German ordnance material. After being subjected to artillery fire and strafed by a hostile plane, he directed a search of the surrounding area. Lieutenant Kunzi then returned across the Inns River with his prisoners and selected future crossing sites. His aggressiveness, outstanding initiative and courageous leadership reflect the greatest credit upon Lieutenant Kunzi and the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular Number 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, as supplemented, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Captain Clayton D. Aukerman, Jr., 0417589, Field Artillery, 368th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Eastern France, Germany and Austria from 4 March 1945 to 6 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Eben B. Chabot, 32356231, Infantry, 259th Infantry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in Linz, Austria, on 5 May 1945. Sergeant Chabot, a Squad Leader of the I and R Platoon, accompanied the forward reconnaissance elements preceding the Infantry with a mission of securing a railroad bridge across the Traun River in Linz. Reaching the bridge, he took cover from the enemy small arms fire, originating from the opposite side. However, seeing a Lieutenant dash across the bridge toward the enemy, Sergeant Chabot voluntarily left his cover and followed the officer, despite the danger of the mined structure being blown up at any time. Surprising the numerically superior enemy force, they took the Germans prisoner. Sergeant Chabot then followed the Lieutenant into the nearby woods and aided in capturing 75 prisoners. Returning to the bridge, he proceeded to cut demolition wires. His extraordinary bravery and voluntary participation in a mission of grave danger reflect great credit upon Sergeant Chabot and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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