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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

URIEL H. GRIGGS, JR., Ol184505, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 241st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. When visibility from a pillbox used as an Observation Post became limited, Second Lieutenant Griggs moved outside to a position under heavy observed enemy small arms fire at close range. He, at risk of his life, remained in this position, directed and adjusted accurate artillery fire which knocked out one enemy machine gun, three enemy mortars and killed approximately fifty enemy soldiers. The combined courage and technical knowledge of Second Lieutenant Griggs aided materially in the repulsion of the enemy counterattack. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

CYRIL J. KELLY, 01180986, Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 241st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in the vicinity of Dillingen, Germany. During an attack on the town, Second Lieutenant Kelly, Artillery Forward Observer, established an Observation Post in a dangerously exposed position. When the enemy launched a counterattack, the Observation Post was hit by direct enemy tank and small arms fire, making Second Lieutenant Kelly's position almost untenable. At risk of his life, he remained at his post and directed artillery fire so expertly that it disabled three enemy tanks, killed the tank crews and killed or wounded innumerable enemy infantry troops. The cool courage and remarkable ability shown by Second Lieutenant Kelly contributed immeasurably to the complete repulsion of the enemy. His gallantry was in accordance with high military tradition. Entered Military Service from Texas.

By command of Major General VAN FLEET:

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LESLIE V. DIX Major, A.G.D. Adjutant General.

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