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Award of the Silver Star. . . . . I  
Battle Honors - Citation of Unit. . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individuals:

JAMES L. STANBROUGH, 38 464 064, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, 6638th Engineer Mine Clearance Company (Armored) (Provisional), for gallantry in action on 22-23 December 1944, near Bitche, France. Technician Fifth Grade Stanbrough demonstrated outstanding courage and devotion to duty by repairing a disabled tankdozer in the face of constant danger from enemy artillery, rocket and mortar fire, which was falling in his immediate vicinity. Dismissing all thoughts of his own safety, he remained steadfast under the barrage and courageously completed his task of saving vital and costly tankdozer equipment. His conduct under fire was consistent with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

ARTHUR C. SWEENEY, 35 737 370, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 2831st Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945, near Rhein Durkheim, Germany. During an assault crossing of the Rhine River, Private First Class Sweeney, bowman of a storm boat, under heavy enemy fire when his motor died out during his first return trip; attempted to start the motor, but did not succeed for the boat was overturned by the explosion of a shell landing nearby. Nevertheless, determined to save the boat, he grabbed the bow line and swam to shore, slowly tugging the boat in after him. His extraordinary gallantry under fire reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Glen Rogers, West Virginia.

II - BATTLE HONORS - CITATION OF UNIT. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Section IV, Circular No. 333, War Department, 1943, the following named organization is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action:

THE 3D BATTALION, 442d REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM is cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 27 October to 30 October 1944, near Biffontaine, France. On 27 October the 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team was committed to battle after one-and-a-half days in a divisional reserve. One of the battalions of another unit which had been advancing deep into enemy territory beyond the town of Biffontaine was suddenly surrounded by the enemy, and separated from all friendly units by an enemy force estimated at seven hundred men. The mission of the 3d Battalion was to attack abreast with the 100th Battalion and four other battalions and relieve the entrapped unit. The mission was more difficult than it first appeared for the enemy had

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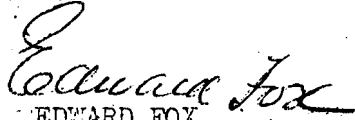
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reoccupied the thickly wooded hills situated within the two and one-half miles separating the "lost Battalion" from our front lines. For four days the Battalion fought the stubborn enemy who was determined to stop all attempts to rescue the besieged battalion. Several roadblocks skillfully reinforced by machine guns had to be destroyed while under heavy artillery fire. On 29 October the Battalion encountered a well defended hill where the enemy, one hundred strong, held well dug-in positions on the hill and would not be dislodged. After repeated frontal assaults had failed to drive the enemy from the hill, Companies "I" and "K", then leading the attack, fixed bayonets and charged up the slope, shouting at the enemy and firing from their hips, while the enemy fired pointblank into their ranks. In spite of the effective enemy fire the determined men pressed the assault and closed in with the enemy. Nearing the enemy machine gun and machine pistol positions, some of the men charged the gun emplacements with their Thompson sub-machine guns or BARs killing or seriously wounding the enemy gun crew, but themselves sprawling dead over the enemy positions they had just neutralized. Completely unnerved by the vicious bayonet charge, the enemy fled in confusion after making a desperate stand. Though seriously depleted in man-power, the Battalion hurled back two determined enemy counterattacks, and after reducing a heavily mined roadblock, finally established contact with the besieged battalion. The intrepidity, fearless courage, and complete disregard for personal safety displayed by the officers and enlisted men of the 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HAISLIP:

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