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SECTION I AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Silver Star is awarded the following named personnel Missing in Action, Air Corps, United States Army residence and citation as indicated:

PERCY H KRAMER 0677287, Captain, 825 Bomb Sq., 484th Bomb Gp. For gallantry in action as pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 21 February 1945 led a formation on a bombing mission against vital enemy communications installations in Austria. Despite severe and adverse weather conditions encountered enroute which precluded a successful completion of the mission, Capt. Kramer brought his formation directly to the target. On the bombing run intense, accurate, and heavy anti aircraft fire. Despite the imminent danger of explosion, realizing the importance of this vital target, Capt. Kramer courageously led the formation through the enemy defenses for a highly successful bombing run, inflicting grave damage to vital enemy installations and supplies. Leaving the objective, after rallying his formation from the target, Capt. Kramer aircraft, still under control, dropped from the protective formation and at least nine of the crew were seen to bail out before the aircraft crashed and exploded. By his conspicuous gallantry, professional skill and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout 22 missions against the enemy, Capt. Kramer has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Savannah, Georgia. Next of kin: Mrs. Gladys H Kramer (wife) Whitmarsh Island, Georgia.

LLOYD C MCKENZIE, 0776582, S/Lt. 825th Bomb Sq. 484th Bomb Gr. For gallantry in action as bombardier of a B-24 type aircraft. On 21, February 1945, Lt McKenzie led a group formation on a bombing mission against a vital enemy communications center in Austria. Approaching the target his formation encountered intense, accurate, and heavy anti aircraft fire which severely damaged his aircraft, and set one engine on fire. Despite eminent danger of explosion, realizing the importance of his lead position, Lt McKenzie remained at his position bringing his group formation through enemy fire for a highly successful bombing run. Under his superior leadership, the bombs from his entire formation were well concentrated in the target area, inflicting grave damage on vital enemy installations and supplies. Leaving the objective his aircraft was seen to loose altitude and the crew began to abandon the stricken plane. By his conspicuous gallantry, professional skill and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his combat career, Lt Mckenzie has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Norris City, Illinois. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ora F McKenzie, (mother) Norris City, Illinois.