

Sgt William W. Fahrenhold
Silver Star - 20340

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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, the SILVER STAR is awarded to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men.

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JOSEPH C. MELAUN, 20820570, Staff Sergeant, 410th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States, while serving as Nose Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied territory, 1 May 1943. After completion of the bombing run enemy fighter planes attacked in large numbers, causing severe damage and starting an intense fire in the mid-section of the airplane. The condition of the plane was so serious that part of the crew bailed out. Displaying great bravery and skill, Sergeant Melau, with utter disregard for his own safety, went into the radio compartment, which was a mass of flames to aid the ball turret and top turret gunners in extinguishing the fire. After the fire was extinguished Sergeant Melau returned to his nose guns and warded off repeated attacks by enemy fighter planes. The bravery and skill displayed by Sergeant Melau on this occasion aided materially in the safe return of the airplane and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: RFD #2, Seagoville, Texas.

X WILLIAM W. FAHRENHOLD, 13087745, Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy of the United States, while serving as Top Turret Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied territory, 1 May 1943. After completion of the bombing run enemy fighter planes attacked in large numbers, causing severe damage and starting an intense fire in the mid-section of the airplane. The condition of the plane was so serious that part of the crew bailed out. Displaying great bravery and skill, Sergeant Fahrenhold, with utter disregard for his own safety, went into the radio compartment which was a mass of flames, to aid the ball turret and nose gunners in extinguishing the fire. After the fire was extinguished Sergeant Fahrenhold returned to his guns and warded off repeated attacks by enemy fighter planes. The bravery and skill displayed by Sergeant Fahrenhold on this occasion aided materially in the safe return of the airplane and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 614 Main Street, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

HARRY E. PRIVETT, 15082342, Sergeant, 342nd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For gallantry in action against an

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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers.

X (H) PARRY D. SWILL, 37190920, Technical Sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Pacelwood, Iowa.

X JOE F. WARD, 34107345, Technical Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: RFD #2, Slocum, Alabama.

X ANDREW BEZAK, 15069851, Technical Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 546 Lincoln Ave., Tingo Jct., Ohio.

X CHARLES F. COUNTS, 35040617, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 1175 South Union St., Lima, Ohio.

X (H) CHARLES F. FEHR, 33023054, Technical Sergeant, 365th Bombardment Squadron Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 703 N. 3rd, Madill, Oklahoma.

X (H) REGINALD G. HARRIS, 15061867, Staff Sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 529 Canille St., Houston, Texas.

JACK C. BANTA, 20033913, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Route #3, New Kirk, Oklahoma.

DAVID T. COLLIE, 34130386, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Box 172, Clifton, Tennessee.

NORMAN GILKEY, 39172909, Staff Sergeant, 365th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 719 East Summit Street, Butte, Montana.

HENRY G. HAYES, JR., 14058968, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Cotton Valley, Louisiana.