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Award of the Silver Star * * * * * IV

IV - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and each of the following enlisted men:

HAROLD J GRIFFIN 32807207, Infantry, Private, Company A, Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 October 1944 near Brouvelieures, France. When his company was stopped by heavy cross fire from well-emplaced enemy machine guns and small arms, Private Griffin, in an attempt to neutralize some of the enemy positions, crawled forward across two hundred yards of open terrain covered by grazing enemy fire. He succeeded in working his way to within thirty yards of one emplacement and by using hand grenades and rifle fire, silenced the gun, killed two of the enemy and forced three to surrender. Unable to get within grenade range of another machine gun position, Private Griffin remained long enough to observe the enemy deployment, then returned through the heavy fire with information which proved an important factor in the successful attack on these positions which followed. Private Griffin's courage and aggressiveness reflect credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

By command of Major General FREDERICK:

KENNETH G WICKHAM
Col GSC
CofS

OFFICIAL:

s/t HENRY B ROACH
Lt Col AGD
Adj Gen

"CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY"
s/s JOHN L. CULHANE,
1st Lt., AC, Personnel Officer,
Hq. 326th Ferrying Sq, 1st T Gp (P).