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**AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.**--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 42, 1918), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to the following-named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant **PAUL F. GORMAN**, 062379, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 32d Infantry, distinguished himself by gallantry in action near Sangmokil, North Korea. During the early morning hours of 7 May 1952, Lieutenant GORMAN lead a patrol deep into enemy-held territory. The mission of the patrol was to observe enemy activity, secure information of intelligence interest, and capture a prisoner if possible. Advancing stealthily up the slope of a small hill, Lieutenant GORMAN, as point man, was observed and received fire from an enemy armed with a "burp" gun. Lieutenant GORMAN was wounded in the hand as a result of this initial burst of fire. Immediately, the enemy soldier was joined by approximately fifteen others, and the patrol began to receive a devastating hail of enemy small-arms fire and grenades. In an effort to withdraw and establish a base of fire at more secure positions, a member of the patrol was wounded. Upon reaching positions of comparative safety, Lieutenant GORMAN detected that a member of his patrol was missing. Despite his wound, he and the patrol started up the hill to aid their wounded comrade, when they again were met with a hail of fire. During the course of evacuating the first wounded man of the patrol, three other members were wounded. With utter disregard for his safety, Lieutenant GORMAN moved forward aggressively. Exposed to the intense enemy fire, he effectively deployed his men and proceeded in the task of evacuating the wounded. During this exchange of fire, Lieutenant GORMAN was again wounded in the leg and face by grenade fragments. Once the casualties were safely evacuated, Lieutenant GORMAN directed the orderly withdrawal of his patrol. Though weak from loss of blood from his numerous wounds, he continued to effectively direct the actions of his patrol. Upon reaching the patrol's base point, he directed accurate mortar and artillery fire on the enemy's positions. Not until he was assured that his patrol was secure and the wounded safely evacuated, did he permit himself to be evacuated. The intrepid gallantry displayed by Lieutenant GORMAN proved a great inspiration to his men and was directly responsible for the safe return of the patrol. The gallantry displayed by Lieutenant GORMAN reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant **WILLIAM FEDORCHAK, JR.**, RA13297922, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 32d Infantry, distinguished himself by gallantry in action near Sangmokil, North Korea. On 7 May 1952, Sergeant FEDORCHAK was a member of a patrol whose mission was to penetrate the enemy's line of resistance and to capture prisoners. Nearing the enemy positions, a movement of the enemy was noticed on a small hill approximately 50 yards to the front of the patrol's position. Sergeant FEDORCHAK and five other members of the patrol stealthily crept forward to the enemy position. On nearing the crest of the hill, the patrol's movement was discovered and an enemy soldier opened fire. This enemy was immediately joined by approximately fifteen other Communist soldiers who were concealed in a shallow trench. Despite the withering enemy fire and

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grenades, Sergeant FEDORCHAK returned the fire with such accuracy that the enemy was forced to take cover. When a firm base of fire was established, it was noticed that one of the patrol members was missing. Without hesitation, Sergeant FEDORCHAK and the other members of the patrol proceeded up the slope of the hill to render assistance to their trapped and wounded comrade. During the increased fire-fight that ensued, the patrol leader, Sergeant FEDORCHAK, and three other members of the patrol were wounded. Despite his wounds, he continued to render accurate fire, pinning the enemy down, to permit the safe evacuation of the wounded. Despite the agonizing pain of his own wound, Sergeant FEDORCHAK rushed to the aid of one of his wounded comrades, lifted him to his shoulders and with complete disregard for his own safety, he carried the wounded soldier over 200 yards to the comparative safety of the patrol's base. The gallantry displayed by Sergeant FEDORCHAK reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from Pennsylvania.

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