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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

By direction of the President and under the provisions of paragraph 2, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant MICHAEL C. KOPACK, 32146019, FA, Headquarters Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action. On 29 September 1944, near \* \* \*, France, the infantry launched an attack against a strongly held enemy hill position. Heavy enemy mortar fire inflicted many casualties. Sergeant KOPACK, Reconnaissance Sergeant with the Field Artillery Observer accompanying the troops, actually participated in the assault by using his small arms and operating the radio from which the observer called for and directed artillery fire. Sergeant KOPACK, exhibiting great courage, eagerly volunteered to accompany the Artillery Observer forward in an attempt to secure a more advantageous observation post which might offer better opportunity to definitely locate and destroy the enemy fire power. While in the act of moving forward through the intense enemy mortar fire, he was killed by a direct hit on the vehicle which he was driving. The gallantry, aggressiveness, and supreme devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant KOPACK were an inspiration to those who witnessed his daring action and exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President and under the provisions of paragraph 2, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to:

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Second Lieutenant WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, O1177812, FA, Headquarters Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action. On 29 September 1944, near \* \* \*, France, the infantry launched an attack against a strongly held enemy hill position. Heavy enemy mortar fire inflicted many casualties. Lieutenant GRAHAM was accompanying the advancing troops as Forward Artillery Observer and was actually assisting in the assault. He was unable to gain an advantageous position from which to direct effective supporting artillery fire against the enemy. In the midst of the intense enemy mortar fire Lieutenant GRAHAM found himself without a vehicle due to enemy action. Not willing to let this loss deter him from his important mission he secured another vehicle and sought a new observation post that would offer better opportunity to definitely locate the enemy mortar positions and from which he might attempt to neutralize the enemy fire. While proceeding to the new location his vehicle received a direct hit, wounding Lieutenant GRAHAM and killing his driver. The aggressiveness and gallantry of this resourceful and determined Officer were an inspiration to those who witnessed his daring action, reflect great credit upon himself, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of paragraph 2, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR S. VIROK, 20246196, MD, Medical Detachment, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion. During a prolonged, severe enemy artillery shelling in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 30 November 1944, Staff Sergeant VIROK's resourcefulness and coolness were responsible for the prompt and efficient evacuation of wounded members of his battalion. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant VIROK searched the area for possible wounded or injured while the shelling continued, and directed and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. In one instance, Staff Sergeant VIROK assisted in carrying a litter-case a distance of approximately three hundred yards while shells burst about him. The brave, professional manner and the courageous devotion to duty exhibited by this soldier resulted in the prompt and excellent care of the wounded. This display of heroism reflects the highest credit upon Staff Sergeant VIROK and is in keeping with the great combat record of the Medical Corps of the military forces of the United States.

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Technician Third Grade ROBERT W. McCORMICK, 35803686, MD, Medical Detachment, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion. In the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 30 November 1944, while the battalion was being subjected to constant and exceptionally heavy enemy artillery fire, Technician Third Grade McCORMICK, without consideration for his own safety, unhesitatingly volunteered to assist in searching the entire embattled area for possible casualties while the shelling was in progress. He valiantly administered first aid and assisted in the prompt evacuation of the wounded. In one instance, he assisted in carrying a litter-case approximately three hundred yards while shells burst about him. The heroism and sincere devotion to duty of Technician Third Grade McCORMICK under the most trying conditions reflect the highest credit upon himself and are in keeping with the great combat record made by the Medical Corps of the military forces of the United States.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUSLY)

By direction of the President and under the provisions of paragraph 2, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period indicated, is awarded posthumously to:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES L. CARLSON, 17125934, FA, Headquarters Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 30 November 1944.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President and under the provisions of paragraph 2, Circular 6, Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated, is awarded to:

Captain JAMES H. DICKINSON, 0302127, FA, Headquarters, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 10 December 1944.

Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, ROBERT W. SUESZ, W2127912, USA, Service Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 30 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant ANDREW SZABO, 32072170, FA, Service Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 10 December 1944.

Sergeant FRANK J. SZEG, 32072248, FA, Headquarters Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 10 December 1944.

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Technician Fourth Grade GILBERTO A. ROJAS, 32088430,  
FA, Headquarters Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery  
Battalion, 1 August 1944 to 10 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade HOWARD B. MATHENY, 35754667,  
FA, Service Battery, \* \* \* Armored Field Artillery Bat-  
talion, 8 November 1944 to 10 December 1944.

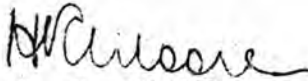
VI - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

By direction of the President, under the provisions  
of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple  
Heart is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade STEPHEN M. WOJNICKI, 36373163,  
CE, \* \* \* Engineer Light Ponton Company, for wounds received  
in action against the enemy in Belgium.

By command of the CORPS COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



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