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- Date
- I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR.  
II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.  
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS).

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant John I. Cripps, 35422303, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter J. Borowski, 31066368, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

For gallantry in action. On 6 June 1944, at touchdown, the boat in which Sergeant Cripps and Technician Borowski were riding fired two rope rockets which failed to reach the top of the 100 foot cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, France. Sending the remainder of the section to cover, Sergeant Cripps and Technician Borowski remained on the boat and, while under heavy enemy fire, removed four rope ladders and rockets from the craft, carried them up the beach and fired them to the top of the cliff. By this gallant action, the remainder of the section were able to scale the cliff and accomplish their mission. The gallantry and courage displayed by Sergeant Cripps and Technician Borowski reflect great credit upon themselves and uphold the highest traditions of the military service.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant William E. Lindsey, Jr., 12088007, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William A. Gots, 32753649, Medical Detachment, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Bill M. Mooneyhan, 19099430, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, at Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade Harvey E. Robertson, 38035419, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Joseph J. Duffy, 20301762, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944, near Vierville-Sur-Mer, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Technician Fifth Grade Harley R. Huff, 55342050, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 June 1944 and 7 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Robert L. Austin, 34311205, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 and 7 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Irving J. Hoover, 33169373, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 and 7 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Malvin W. Rogers, 34382418, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 and 7 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France. Entered military service from Indiana.

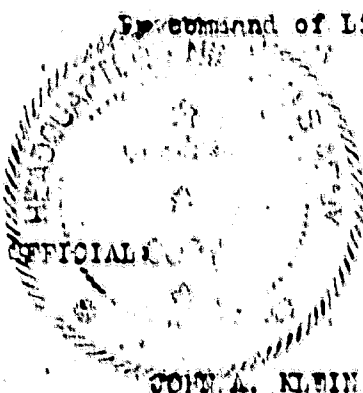
III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS). By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and under authority contained in Circular No 32, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, 20 March 1944, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Lawrence M. Johnson, 6709892, 2nd Ranger Infantry Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. On 6 June 1944, near Pointe du Hoc, France, Sergeant Johnson discovered several enemy artillery pieces behind enemy lines, and assisted in disabling them while under heavy fire from German snipers and artillery. His knowledge and ability aided greatly in completing this hazardous task in a minimum of time. The heroism of Sergeant Johnson is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

By command of Lieutenant General SIMPSON:

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