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I -- SILVER STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Private Plaz P Adams, 38154375, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, 2 August 1944. During heavy fighting on 2 August, Private Adams was wounded in the right leg by an enemy machine gun bullet. He fell in a position which afforded him some cover, but any route of approach to assist him involved the crossing of a considerable expanse of field devoid of cover from enemy shelling. His company was being reorganized for a resumption of the attack, which had been temporarily checked by the intense enemy fire. Realizing the state of affairs, and knowing that any attempt on the part of his comrades to remove him from his position of peril would probably cost some of their lives, Private Adams called to them to warn them against any attempted rescue, adding that he would await darkness and make his way to the rear unassisted. Immediately thereafter, while engaged in self-aid for his wounds, Private Adams was killed by enemy fire. The gallantry in action and unselfish loyalty to his comrades in placing their welfare above his own life, probably saved the lives of some of his fellow soldiers, and reflects the highest credit upon the character of Private Adams as a member of the armed forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

II -- SILVER STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6 Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. In the attack on Hill Number 122 during the operation against * * *, Colonel Ellsworth, Executive Officer, * * * Artillery, planned and supervised the fire of * * * artillery battalions. His unique plan provided for a close rolling barrage with fire registered in the middle of the zone of attack, the initial barrage line being actually shot in by the forward observers with the leading company commander. The fire was varied high explosive, smoke and time fire, and with lifts of two hundred yards on call, to provide proper overlap, and to keep the mass of fire on the most strategic point in front of the infantry. The original plan for a variant rate of fire effected a conservation of ammunition, without detracting from its effective-

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ness. The entire mission of the artillery was accomplished in the most effective manner, with the minimum expenditure of ammunition and without infliction of casualties upon the infantry so closely supported. After-action observation revealed the marked effect of the artillery fire during the action. Numerous enemy positions were destroyed and casualties inflicted. During the supervision of the fire, Colonel Ellsworth was exposed on many occasions to enemy sniper and mortar fire while visiting forward command posts and installations of the infantry. During this action, Colonel Ellsworth conceived a plan for the employment of tanks which further exploited the power of the artillery in effectuating the envelopment of the enemy, to relieve pressure on one of the assaulting battalions of infantry. Under his supervision and coordination, this plan was successfully executed. The initiative, tactical acumen and resourcefulness displayed by Colonel Ellsworth in this operation, provided for the best possible support of the attacking infantry in the accomplishment of its mission, and exemplified such gallantry in action and leadership in battle as to inspire and win the admiration of all commanders in the field during the action. Entered military service from Washington.

First Lieutenant John L Strader, 0447932, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, during the period 17-19 July 1944. Lieutenant Strader, Executive Officer of Company "A", * * * Infantry, was wounded in the shoulder by a shell fragment during the attack on * * * 17 July 1944, and was taken to the aid station for treatment and evacuation. Upon learning that his company commander had become a casualty, he immediately returned to his company and assumed command. The following day he supervised a reorganization of the company and, exercising great personal bravery, skillfully led his company in an attack which succeeded in straightening the battalion line. On 19 July 1944, he led a reconnaissance patrol to the outskirts of * * * under heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire and through an area infested by snipers, and obtained information of vital importance. He was wounded in the leg by an enemy sniper during this patrol. The personal bravery of Lieutenant Strader, his skillful leadership ability and his zealous devotion to duty at a time when he was suffering from increasingly painful wounds, contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission and reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant Felix M Gangemi, 01322837, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action north of * * * Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. During an attack against enemy positions, an officer was wounded and lying helpless in an open field. Under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Gangemi and two other men crawled to the wounded officer, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades on the part of Lieutenant Gangemi saved the wounded officer from further injury and possible death, and acted as an inspiration to others in the vicinity, reflecting the highest credit on the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Technical Sergeant James F Granger Jr, 20607828, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action north of * * * Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. During an attack against enemy positions, an officer was wounded and lying helpless in an open field. Under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Granger and two other men crawled to the wounded officer, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades on the part of Sergeant Granger saved the wounded officer from further injury and possible death, and acted as an inspiration to other soldiers in the vicinity, reflecting the highest credit on the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant John B Clemmens, 20500177, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 12 July 1944. When his company was withdrawn two hundred yards to allow an artillery barrage to be placed on strong enemy positions at the front, a wounded soldier was left in the danger area, unnoticed. Together with an officer and two other enlisted men, Sergeant Clemmens ran to the wounded man and returned him safely to our lines. The courage of Sergeant Clemmens, who went forward to rescue a wounded comrade through heavy enemy machine gun fire, and knowing that an artillery barrage in the immediate area was scheduled to begin momentarily, reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Lavon Johnson, 34663378 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When enemy machine gun fire held up the advance of his squad, Sergeant Johnson went forward in full view of the enemy, silenced the machine gun with fire from his automatic rifle and with hand grenades, then rushed on into the position, killing the remaining members of the crew and capturing the machine gun. The intrepid actions of Sergeant Johnson served as an inspiration to other soldiers in the vicinity, and contributed materially toward the eventual capture of an enemy strong-point. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Louis A Porta, 39837354 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. When his platoon was subjected to cross-fire from enemy machine guns emplaced in hedgerows, Sergeant Porta, an intelligence scout, ran to the rear, secured a rocket launcher and ammunition, returned to the front of the platoon, and without assistance loaded and fired the rocket launcher, silencing an enemy machine gun. The courage, coolness and prompt action on the part of Sergeant Porta were an inspiration to other members of the platoon, and contributed materially to the success of its mission. His actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

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Sergeant Jack L Ulmer, 20726612, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. Upon observing a wrecker carrying ten men and several boxes of grenades and small arms ammunition burst into flames after it had struck a mine, Sergeant Ulmer and two others accompanying him, rushed into the flaming area and pulled injured personnel from the vehicle to safety despite the fact that grenades were bursting at the time. Sergeant Ulmer administered first aid to the wounded men and remained with them until medical aid arrived. The courage, coolness and prompt action on the part of Sergeant Ulmer who placed the lives of his comrades in arms above that of his own life, reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Henry Gordon, 37161711 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector near * * * Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. Upon learning that an officer and a noncommissioned officer were lying wounded in an open field which was being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, Corporal Gordon, a messenger, voluntarily and alone, crawled to the wounded men and successfully evacuated first one and then the other. The courageous actions of Corporal Gordon, who placed the lives of two of his comrades in arms above that of his own, saved them from further injury and possible death, and reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Edward G Abraham, 35529013, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, on 30 July 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun to the front, Private Abraham, a rifleman, leaped across the hedgerow, and although wounded, crawled to the enemy machine gun and destroyed the position with a hand grenade. The intrepid courage of Private Abraham, his tenacity of purpose, and utter disregard for personal safety, enabled his platoon to successfully continue its advance, reflects high credit upon his character as a soldier, and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Anthony R Civiello, 35598702, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action north of * * * Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. During an attack against enemy positions an officer was wounded and lying helpless in an open field. Under heavy enemy fire, Private Civiello and two other men crawled to the wounded officer, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades on the part of Private Civiello saved the wounded officer from further injury and possible death, and acted as an inspiration to other soldiers in the vicinity, reflecting the highest credit on the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private First Class Cecil D Crabtree, 37111141, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. Upon observing a wrecker carrying ten men and several boxes of grenades and small arms ammunition burst into flames after it had struck a mine, Private Crabtree and two others accompanying him, rushed into the flaming area, and pulled injured personnel from the vehicle to safety despite the fact that grenades were bursting at the time. Private Crabtree administered first aid to the wounded men, and remained with them until medical aid arrived. The courage, coolness and prompt action on the part of Private Crabtree, who placed the lives of his comrades-in-arms above that of his own life, reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Charles L Hall, 36559377, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. During a reconnaissance mission, Private Hall, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, and two other soldiers were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Private Hall crawled forward to within thirty yards of the enemy position, stood upright and destroyed the enemy by rifle fire. The courageous devotion to duty of Private Hall, acting with utter disregard for personal safety, enabled the reconnaissance unit to successfully complete its mission, and reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Julius P Morrison Jr, 38424417, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, south of * * * Normandy, France, on 30 July 1944. During an attack in the vicinity of * * *, a squad of infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire which caused numerous casualties among its ranks. Although himself wounded in the right arm, Private Morrison, a company aid man, crawled forward and administered first aid to the wounded soldiers until he was again severely wounded and rendered unconscious. The courageous actions and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Private Morrison who placed the lives of his comrades above his own safety, reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the army. Entered military service from Texas.

III -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Sec IX, 60 52/45 ~~Captain Merle R Carroll, 0380135, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 2 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.~~

Second Lieutenant Eugene T Holtzman, 01324020, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, during the period 15-17 July 1944. During the initial attack on Hill Number 122, Lieutenant Holtzman, Mortar Platoon Leader of Company D, * * * Infantry, received painful wounds but refused evac-

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uation, and, after receiving first aid, led his platoon in support of the battalion attack. On the following day, he led his platoon in repulsing three enemy counterattacks which threatened the battalion position. He was evacuated for treatment on 17 July 1944 when his wounds became infected. The skillful leadership of Lieutenant Holtzman and his dogged determination to continue with his mission in spite of his personal condition, contributed materially to the success of the battalion attack, and reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Louis A Griffith Jr, 37070546, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * Brittany, France, on 31 July 1944. Wounded, when his platoon acting as point for his battalion was suddenly ambushed by machine gun fire, Sergeant Griffith quickly estimated the situation and re-organized his platoon for the attack. Despite his wounds, he led his platoon and succeeded in forcing an enemy withdrawal. He then organized a defensive line to repel a counterattack and reported back to his commanding officer, giving him the situation. He then accepted medical attention, and was taken to the hospital. His coolness, despite personal injury, and devotion to duty over personal welfare, reflects great credit on the character and leadership qualities of Sergeant Griffith. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Leland R Shawgo, 37006040, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 16 July 1944. Sergeant Shawgo, leading his squad as the covering element of Company "I", * * * Infantry, became pinned down by machine gun fire with his men in an open field. Dangerously exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, he kept his squad under control and opened fire on the enemy positions, covering the limited withdrawal of his squad. He left the position only after he had determined that the withdrawal of his unit had been completed. His outstanding leadership in maintaining control of his squad while under heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to his men and facilitated their successful withdrawal. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Late B Goodwin, 35748504, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, near * * * Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. When heavy casualties forced a platoon of engineers to abandon its attempt to blast an opening in a hedgerow to the front, Sergeant Goodwin, a squad leader in the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon of his company, together with another member of his platoon, crawled through an open field under heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types, reached the hedgerow, set an explosive charge and accomplished the mission, enabling our infantry and attached tanks to advance through the opening in the hedgerow in continuation of a successful attack on strong enemy positions. The courage, coolness and devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Goodwin, who disregarded his personal safety in making the battalion mission his primary consideration, was measurably responsible for the successful continuation of the attack and reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Sergeant John W Miller, 37299812, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 30 July 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Clair E Richardson, 20722130, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States south of * * * Normandy, France, during the period 29 July to 4 August 1944. During this period the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was engaged in a follow-up action against the enemy along the * * * River south of * * *. The enemy resisted strongly, and the battalion encountered many enemy pockets of resistance requiring heavy fire fights from defensive holding positions. The area was subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types, and was infested with mines. Disregarding his personal safety, and working without regard for hours or obstacles, Sergeant Richardson, Battalion Ammunition Sergeant, maintained a steady flow of ammunition, ordnance and rations to distributing points in the front lines so that his accomplishments became a legend among the fighting troops. The personal courage of Sergeant Richardson, his tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty, were immeasurably responsible for the successful performance of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Harold C Weddle, 35872290, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, on 14 July 1944. Detailed to remain behind his attacking company and guard a mined area on the highway, Sergeant Weddle, without regard for his personal safety, remained at his post to guide an armored column around the mined area despite the fact that the immediate vicinity was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. The zealous devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Weddle reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade James R Lucas, 36067846, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 30 July 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Max E Sawyer, 36861798, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. Technician Sawyer, company medical aid man, despite a very heavy artillery barrage, went into an open field covered by enemy machine gun fire and administered first aid to seven wounded men. Then with assistance of another soldier he evacuated all of the wounded to safety. His courageous actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Vincent J Strobe, 37213946, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944.

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When he saw two wounded men in the midst of an enemy artillery barrage about three hundred yards to his front, Technician Strobe, Company Aid Man, left the safety of his covered position and went to their assistance. He had evacuated one, and had nearly reached cover with the other wounded soldier, when he himself was seriously wounded. The courage of Technician Strobe, his devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety, resulted in saving two of his comrades from further injury and possible death, and reflects the highest credit upon the military service and upon the Medical Corps in particular. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class William E Burns, 35597812, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, near * * * Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. When heavy casualties forced a platoon of engineers to abandon its attempt to blast an opening in a hedgerow to the front, Private Burns, ammunition carrier in the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon of his company, together with another member of his platoon, crawled through an open field under heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types, reached the hedgerow, set an explosive charge and accomplished the mission, enabling our infantry and attached tanks to advance through the opening in the hedgerow in continuation of a successful attack on strong enemy positions. The courage, coolness and devotion to duty on the part of Private Burns, who disregarded his personal safety in making the battalion mission his primary consideration, was measurably responsible for the successful continuation of the attack and reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Elmer E Gambill, 38446620, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. When his company was pinned down by the fire of two enemy machine guns, in the vicinity of * * *, Private Gambill, scout, voluntarily moved forward in an attempt to locate the enemy. Locating one gun, but finding it to be out of hand grenade range, he fired tracers enabling his commanding officer to locate the position. He then stood in an upright position and walked forward in an attempt to locate the other gun. Suddenly it opened fire, wounding the other scout who was on his right. He opened fire on the machine gun and continued to fire until his unit outflanked the enemy position. His courage, gallantry, and complete disregard for his own life enabled his company to complete its mission successfully and is in keeping with the high military traditions. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Paul C Keller, 37070569, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. When his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Private Keller, the senior scout, of his own volition moved forward in an attempt to locate the enemy positions. Locating one gun out of hand grenade range, he fired tracers, enabling his commanding officer to locate the position. He then stood in an upright position and started walking toward his estimated location of the other gun. Suddenly it

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opened fire, wounding him in the shoulder and ear. His commanding officer learned its position and outflanked it. His courage and complete disregard for his own life enabled his company to complete its mission successfully and is in keeping with high military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

IV -- SILVER STAR MEDAL. So much of Section II General Orders, Number 20, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 15 August 1944, as pertains to Technical Sergeant John Y Park, Infantry, is rescinded.

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