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I -- SILVER STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Awards). 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 men:

First Sergeant Leslie A Gump, 20721469, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, 9 August 1944. When his company was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy machine gun to its front, Sergeant Gump was ordered to engage the enemy in a holding action while the enemy machine gun was enveloped by a reinforced rifle squad. The position occupied by Sergeant Gump and his holding force was subjected to heavy fire from the enemy machine gun. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Gump exposed himself in order to gain the best possible observation, the more effectively to direct the fire of his group. He drew so near to the enemy position that he was able to throw hand grenades into the position and kill three of its occupants. While so engaged, he was killed. His gallantry in action, disregard for personal safety, and zeal for the success of his company in its mission enabled the enveloping unit to completely destroy the enemy machine gun position and enabled the company to continue its advance. 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 Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Leonard F Osiek, 35024808, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, on 31 July 1944. When it became necessary for his platoon to withdraw from a position because of heavy enemy fire from its front and flank, Sergeant Osiek, platoon sergeant, acting on his own initiative, grabbed a light machine gun and covered the withdrawal of his platoon, remaining in position until all elements of his platoon had taken cover behind a hedgerow to the rear. Then, firing the machine gun from his hip, he walked backwards toward the hedgerow and was in the act of crossing it when he was killed by enemy fire. The gallantry in action of Sergeant Osiek in placing the welfare of his organization above his own life pays the highest tribute to his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Technical Sergeant John Y Park, 20011813, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 13 July 1944. Sergeant Park, after his platoon leader had been wounded, took command of his platoon which was attempting to outflank an enemy machine gun nest. Learning the first enemy position, Sergeant Park crawled to within thirty feet of the machine gun nest and threw hand grenades, destroying the enemy. He was then seriously wounded by another machine gun farther away. Despite his wounds he rejoined his platoon, reorganized it into a defensive line, and reported the situation to his commanding officer before he received medical attention. His accurate reporting of the situation materially assisted in the occupation of the enemy position by his company. The conspicuous courage, outstanding devotion to duty, and tenacious zeal for the accomplishment of his organization's mission reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and furnishes an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Territory of Hawaii.

Private First Class Luverne J Strand, 37169004, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 30 July 1944. When four gunners were wounded in quick succession at a vital Browning Automatic Rifle position protecting the second platoon from enemy flanking fire zeroed in on the position, he together with another soldier, voluntarily and without hesitation went to this exposed position and fired on the enemy until Private Strand was killed by a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The intrepid courage and tenacity of purpose on the part of Private Strand, who voluntarily assumed a hazardous duty well knowing the extreme danger involved, pays high tribute to his character as a soldier, and is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Iven A Bolstridge, 31283729, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, 11-12 July 1944. On 11 July 1944, Private Bolstridge, on duty at the regimental aid station, volunteered to assist burdened litter bearers on the front line. There he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to render aid and assistance to wounded men and to evacuate them from the field. On 12 July 1944 he volunteered for the same duty, and in response to a call, fearlessly and in total disregard for his own safety proceeded over a hedgerow and into an open field covered by enemy fire to aid a wounded man, where he was killed instantly by an enemy artillery shell. The tenacity of purpose and heroic actions of Private Bolstridge in the performance of duties above those required of him, pays tribute to his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Maine.

Private Harold E Bruley, 36275818, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * and * * * sectors, Normandy, France, on 2 August 1944. Private Bruley, medical aid man, voluntarily entered a field covered by heavy enemy fire, and under enemy observation, to attend the wounded. He was administering first aid when he was killed by an enemy mortar shell. The gallantry in action, disregard for personal safety and unselfish loyalty to his comrades manifested by Private Bruley, constitutes a high tribute to his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the Medical Department. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Private Robert F Hanlon, 33750646, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 30 July 1944. When four gunners were wounded in quick succession at a vital Browning Automatic Rifle position protecting the second platoon from flanking fire, he, together with another soldier, voluntarily and without hesitation went to this exposed position and fired on the enemy until Private Hanlon was killed by a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The intrepid courage and tenacity of purpose on the part of Private Hanlon, who voluntarily assumed a hazardous duty, well knowing the extreme danger involved, pays high tribute to his character as a soldier, and is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Washington, DC.

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:

Captain Richard D Melcher, 0406956, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When his company was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun in a church on its flank, Captain Melcher crawled through an open field under heavy enemy fire and lobbed three hand grenades through a window, destroying the gun and killing its crew, and enabling his company to continue its advance. The intrepid courage of Captain Melcher, his tenacity of purpose, his devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant John A Creech, 01303114, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, on 15 July 1944. During the initial attack on enemy positions on Hill Number 122 north of * * * the company commander and two platoon leaders of Company "G" became casualties, and the men began falling back before heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types. Although wounded in various parts of his body, Lieutenant Creech refused first aid or evacuation, immediately reorganized the company and resumed the attack, taking seventeen prisoners and killing twenty of the enemy. Although bleeding severely, Lieutenant Creech remained at the head of the company, and led the final assault which attained the company objective. The superior qualities of leadership, initiative and resourcefulness of Lieutenant Creech, his intrepid courage, and utter disregard for his personal condition were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of the company mission, and are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

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First Lieutenant Paul H White, 01287631, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When his platoon became pinned down by machine gun and artillery fire, Lieutenant White dangerously exposed himself in order to obtain a tank destroyer, and to direct its fire to clear out the enemy. Continuing with the advance, he saw one of his sergeants in an open field become seriously wounded from another machine gun. Without hesitation, and disregarding the enemy fire, he raced to the aid of the wounded man and succeeded in bringing him to the safety of a slit trench before being himself wounded. His outstanding leadership, gallant efforts, and devotion to duty won the respect and admiration of his men and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Claude A Hupp, 0887339, (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. Lieutenant Hupp, then platoon sergeant, assumed command of his platoon upon the death of his platoon leader. When the advance in his sector had been stopped by enemy machine gun fire from enemy hedgerow positions, and after all attempts to advance had failed, Lieutenant Hupp determined the positions of the enemy emplacements, and firing from the hip with a light machine gun, killed the crew of one gun and silenced two other machine gun installations, whereupon the advance of his battalion continued until stopped by a situation similar to that above described, when Lieutenant Hupp practically repeated his earlier performance. The gallantry in action and zeal for the accomplishment of the mission on the part of Lieutenant Hupp resulted in the attainment of their objective by two companies of his battalion, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant George Barnousky, 6242569, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * France, on 1 August 1944. When the first round of an enemy artillery barrage exploded in the midst of a church congregation of French civilians in a courtyard, killing twenty-one and wounding about thirty, Sergeant Barnousky, acting with disregard for his personal safety, ran to the group under heavy enemy artillery fire, and with cool and calm efficiency, controlled the frightened and hysterical survivors, directed the non-wounded to shelter, and evacuated the wounded to safety. The courageous actions of Sergeant Barnousky, his coolness and efficiency in handling this situation, averted even greater casualties among the French civilians, and reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant John Gillen, 20734661, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * Normandy, France, on 8 August 1944. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Sergeant Gillen assumed command of his platoon. The platoon was ambushed and practically surrounded and under close range from enemy tanks. Sergeant Gillen, platoon sergeant, exercising superior leadership, reorganized the platoon and led it in a successful withdrawal under heavy enemy fire, after first destroying equipment that would fall into the hands of the enemy. The superior leadership of Sergeant Gillen, his utter disregard for personal safety, and his presence of mind under extremely difficult conditions, resulted not only in the successful withdrawal of his platoon from untenable positions with minimum casualties but also in destruction of valuable equipment when its capture by the enemy was imminent. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Robert C Powell, 36068599, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, 11 July 1944. Technician Powell was chauffeur for his artillery battalion commander who was killed when accompanying his combat team commander on reconnaissance. Technician Powell, from his position at the vehicle in the rear, realized that heavy enemy fire was coming from an enemy strongpoint and, anticipating the requirements of his battalion commander, voluntarily procured telephone wire and ran a line 400 yards to the front and installed a telephone, acting all the while under strong enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. While so engaged he discovered a wounded soldier whom he carried to shelter and of whose location he notified a medical aid man. The gallantry in action, unselfish loyalty and zeal for the success of the mission, reflects high credit upon the character of Technician Powell as a soldier and is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Louis T Albertini, 33608869, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, south of * * * Normandy, France, on 30 July 1944. Private Albertini, an aid man attached to Company "L", * * * Infantry, was wounded in the right leg while accompanying troops participating in a battalion attack against strong enemy forces south of * * *. Disregarding his personal condition, Private Albertini crawled to the front lines and for a period of over two hours, under heavy concentrations of enemy fire, administered first aid to wounded men lying in an open field. He refused evacuation until other soldiers came to the assistance of the wounded men. The personal courage and zealous devotion to duty on the part of Private Albertini, who placed the lives of wounded comrades above that of his own, reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III - BRONZE 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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Ralph W Davis, 37070322, 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 13 July 1944. Sergeant Davis was leader of a heavy machine gun section supporting Company "K", * * * Infantry, in an attack. When its fires became masked, the section, having completed its assigned mission, withdrew as previously ordered. The enemy launched a counterattack, subjecting Company "K" to mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Davis immediately recommitted his section to action and succeeded in diverting the enemy fire to his own position, enabling Company "K" to reorganize, repulse the counterattack and resume its advance. The superior leadership, tenacity of purpose, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Davis 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 Kansas.

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Private First Class George W Cline, 34505392, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 14 July 1944. Dangerously exposing himself throughout a two-hour artillery barrage, Private Cline, a runner, maintained contact with adjacent units and delivered messages to the battalion command post, keeping the battalion commander so continously informed of the situation that an enemy breakthrough was prevented. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all concerned and is in keeping with high military traditions. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV — 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:

First Lieutenant Robert W Hinckley, 01303505, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 August 1944. The personnel of the battalion motor pool, Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, became disorganized when the enemy suddenly surrounded the area. Lieutenant Hinckley restored order immediately upon arriving at the scene, organized the personnel of the motor pool, directed orderly resistance against the enemy, and successfully brought about the evacuation of troops and vehicles from the area. The superior leadership of Lieutenant Hinckley, his initiative and disregard for personal safety, was responsible for saving the lives of a number of soldiers, and for the successful removal of vehicles from the motor pool with a minimum loss. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant Richard W Warren, 0534867, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 2 August 1944. Lieutenant Warren, a mortar section leader, was in the front line directing mortar fire for his section, when the power of the batteries in his radio became exhausted. Disregarding heavy enemy artillery fire, he ran to his section some one thousand yards back, replaced the batteries, and returned to his observation post where his accurate fire direction enabled the unit he was supporting to make rapid gains. The personal courage and devotion to duty on the part of Lieutenant Warren are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Sergeant Eugene H Schaperkotter 37142996 (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the the United States, in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When several soldiers were wounded by exploding mines as they entered an enemy anti-personnel mine field after dark, Sergeant Schaperkotter, although himself slightly wounded, voluntarily entered the mine field and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men. The courageous action of Sergeant Schaperkotter, who placed the lives of his comrades-in-arms above that of his own, reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant Tompson M Foster, 20723783, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 19 July 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Charles A Punke, 36213569, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States south of * * * Normandy, France, on 27 July 1944. When his company withdrew several hundred yards for the purpose of reorganizing, Sergeant Punke, a squad leader, picked up a wounded comrade and carried him to safety through open fields and over hedgerows a distance of some three hundred yards, despite the fact that he was under enemy observation and area was subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types. The courageous action of Sergeant Punke reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Marconi H Dinkelman, 20721112, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 20 July 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Sam H Edmonson, 35707114, (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 2 August 1944. While participating in the battalion attack on Hill Number 203, Company "K" was pinned down by enemy automatic weapons fire, immediately supplemented by artillery time fire. Without awaiting orders, Sergeant Edmonson, a light machine gunner, placed his weapon in action in a position which, although under enemy observation, afforded him the maximum field of fire, and poured fire into the enemy position, forcing them to withdraw. The courageous actions of Sergeant Edmonson, his resourceful exercise of initiative and utter disregard for personal safety, enabled his company to advance out of the concentrated enemy artillery fire. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Sergeant Lonzo P Miller, 6930468, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. In the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and in an area known to contain land mines, Sergeant Miller drove his tank destroyer well beyond our lines and assisted in the destruction of several enemy machine gun emplacements and a battalion command post, and inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy, enabling the infantry to advance; The courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Miller reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Sergeant Virgil G Strong, 37070673, 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 13 July 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage, Sergeant Strong repaired telephone lines to the battalion observation post, and succeeded in keeping communications intact. The personal bravery and devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Strong was of material assistance to his battalion commander who was directing an attack against the enemy. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Sergeant Vaughnie Wood, 38446516, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 2 August 1944. Sergeant Wood, a member of a night reconnaissance patrol, accurately reconnoitered the area ahead of his battalion, which was being subjected to an enemy artillery barrage, and secured vital information which was measurably responsible for a subsequent four-mile advance of the battalion. The personal courage of Sergeant Wood, his devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Harry K Leroy, 37036400, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. Technician Leroy, acting as a medical aid man, crawled across an open field subjected to heavy enemy fire to reach a wounded man lying therein, administered first aid and placed him in a slit trench from which he was subsequently evacuated. The disregard for personal safety, and determination to save a wounded man regardless of obstacles present, portrays a great strength of character on the part of Technician Leroy and is in accord with the high standards of the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert E Marquis, 34129841, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * *, France, on 1 August 1944. While a French clergyman was conducting services for a group of French civilians in a courtyard near the command post of Company "A", * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion, the first round of an enemy artillery barrage exploded in the midst of the congregation, killing twenty-one and wounding about thirty. Technician Marquis rendered first aid to the wounded, despite continued heavy enemy artillery fire. The courageous actions of Technician Marquis acting with disregard for his personal safety, resulted in saving the lives of several seriously wounded French civilians, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal George D Babcock, 16063705, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * *, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. In the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and in an area known to contain land mines, Corporal Babcock drove his tank destroyer well beyond our lines and assisted in the destruction of several enemy machine gun emplacements and a battalion command post, and inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy, enabling the infantry to advance. The courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Corporal Babcock reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Corporal Peter J Black, 20608207, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * Normandy, France, 12-13 July 1944. Corporal Black, an instrument corporal, was assigned the duty of maintaining telephone communication between the machine gun sections of his platoon. Although the area was subjected to heavy enemy shelling and sniper fire, Corporal Black made repeated trips along the lines of communication, making necessary repairs, and on each trip, he delivered two chests of ammunition to the nearest machine gun position. The courageous devotion to duty on the part of Corporal Black, working without regard for hours or obstacles, materially assisted his platoon in the accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred Cross, 34013060, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. In the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and in an area known to contain land mines, Technician Cross drove his tank destroyer well beyond our lines and assisted in the destruction of several enemy machine gun emplacements and a battalion command post, and inflicted numerous casualties among the enemy, enabling the infantry to advance. The courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Technician Cross reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Allan L Disbrowe, 37196285, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * France, on 1 August 1944. While a French clergyman was conducting services for a group of French civilians in a courtyard near the command post of Company "A", * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion, the first round of an enemy artillery barrage exploded in the midst of the congregation, killing twenty-one and wounding about thirty. Technician Disbrowe rendered first aid to the wounded, despite continued heavy enemy artillery fire. The courageous actions of Technician Disbrowe, acting with disregard for his personal safety, resulted in saving the lives of several seriously wounded French civilians, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack T Estoll, 38397416, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When several soldiers were wounded by enemy mines upon entering an anti-personnel minefield in the dark, Technician Estoll, a clerk, voluntarily entered the minefield and searched for the wounded men. The courage and disregard for personal safety on the part of Technician Estoll reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Technician Fifth Grade Clifford G Johns, 36211766, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When several soldiers were wounded by exploding mines upon entering an anti-personnel minefield in the dark, Technician Johns, a code clerk, voluntarily joined the litter-bearers in evacuating all of the wounded men. The courage and disregard for personal safety on the part of Technician Johns reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade David P Nash, 35622256, 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 13 July 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage, Technician Nash repaired telephone lines to the battalion observation post, and succeeded in keeping communications intact. The personal bravery and devotion to duty on the part of Technician Nash was of material assistance to his battalion commander who was directing an attack against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward D Simpson, 38340747, 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 13 July 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage, Technician Simpson, a wireman, carried wire to forward linemen who were repairing telephone lines to the battalion observation post, keeping communications intact. The personal bravery and devotion to duty on the part of Technician Simpson was of material assistance to his battalion commander who was directing an attack against the enemy. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Edwin F Bell, 31303788, 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 13 July 1944. During an enemy artillery barrage, Private Bell, a wireman, carried wire to forward linemen who were repairing telephone lines to the battalion observation post and keeping communications intact. The personal bravery and devotion to duty on the part of Private Bell was of material assistance to his battalion commander, who was directing an attack against the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class George D Kleinsteiber, 36211391, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. When several soldiers were wounded by exploding mines upon entering an anti-personnel minefield in the dark, Private Kleinsteiber, a litter bearer, entered the field to administer first aid to the wounded man. He remained in the field until all the wounded men were evacuated. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for his personal safety, reflects credit upon Private Kleinsteiber's character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class John C Whiteside, 34505487, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 3 August 1944. Private Whiteside, a member of a night reconnaissance patrol, accurately reconnoitered the area ahead of his battalion which was being subjected to an enemy artillery barrage, and secured vital information which was measurably responsible for a subsequent four-mile advance of the battalion. The personal courage of Private Whiteside, his devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

V — AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man of this command:

First Lieutenant John L Cecil, 01169052, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 28 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Cecil distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Cecil in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Lieutenant Franklin J Downing, 01173590, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 14 July to 2 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Downing distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thrity-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Downing in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Donald W Foe, 01172004, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 12 July to 13 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Foe distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and asjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Foe in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Wyoming.

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First Lieutenant Richard A Gaines, 01175122, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 12 July to 1 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Gaines distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Gaines in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant William F Hesselbach, 01177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 9 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Hesselbach distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Hesselbach in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Ralph K Price Jr, 01172606, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 21 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Price distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Price in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant John P Yates, 01180781, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 30 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Yates distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Yates in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Georgia.

Second Lieutenant Hugh T Barber Jr, 0551951, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 30 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Barber distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Barber in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Second Lieutenant James E Dempsey, 01185013, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 28 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Dempsey distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Dempsey in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant Raymond P Johnson, 0551952, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 19 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Johnson distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Johnson in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Second Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 21 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Nevenzel distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Nevenzel in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Henry A Roseberry, 01173438, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 12 July to 2 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Roseberry distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Roseberry in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Florida.

Second Lieutenant Mark J Stoeger, 0551803, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 27 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Lieutenant Stoeger distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Stoeger in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant Billie J Pemberton, 20812635, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over France during the period 10 July to 28 July 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Sergeant Pemberton distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Sergeant Pemberton in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Texas.

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