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I -- 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 officer and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L Thompson Jr, 0241746, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* France on 17 August 1944. Colonel Thompson, Battalion Commander, \* \* \* Field Artillery Battalion, organized and supervised observation posts atop buildings at points directly across the \* \* \* River from enemy positions and observation. Disregarding his personal safety, Colonel Thompson remained at the positions during the day, although enemy fire was directed against them. Through his zealous attention to duty in directing artillery fire on key enemy positions, in informing the task force commander of the enemy situation and in assisting in coordinating fire plans, the enemy positions were effectively neutralized at a great saving of casualties among our forces. His courage, exemplary conduct and gallantry in action contributed materially to the successful operations against the enemy, and measurably assisted in forcing the withdrawal of the enemy from, and in relieving the enemy threat against the city of \* \* \*. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Henry S Butler, 34682851, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* Brittany, France, on 1 August 1944. During the attack of his unit, Private Butler destroyed two enemy machine gun positions in succession with rifle grenades. Later, he observed two enemy soldiers leading a horse-drawn ammunition cart. He killed the two soldiers and destroyed the ammunition. His courage, gallantry in action and skill under fire facilitated the advance of his unit and reflects great credit upon him as an individual soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Julian M Riley, 37606165, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, on 31 July 1944. Private Riley, a heavy weapons machine gunner, was supporting the advance of a rifle unit when it was suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Despite continuous enemy fire, Private Riley picked up his machine gun, vaulted over a hedge, placed his gun in action in full view of the enemy, and opened fire, destroying the enemy position and enabling the company to continue its advance. The courage, coolness, initiative, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Private Riley reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

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II -- 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 officer and enlisted men of this command:

Second Lieutenant Thomas V Mullen, 01325590, 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 3 August 1944. After seventy-two hours of steady advance, the company in which Lieutenant Mullen was a platoon leader began to receive such exceptionally heavy machine gun fire as to threaten a disorganization. Lieutenant Mullen dangerously exposed himself in order to rally the men and establish a defensive line. Shouting words of encouragement and urging the men to reach their positions quickly, even though he was exposed to the enemy fire, he succeeded in reorganizing and establishing a defensive line that repelled the enemy counterattack. His prompt action, disregard for his own safety and encouragement to the tired men, won the admiration of the company and elicited praise from his superior officers. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Earl W Anderson, 20726145, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of \* \* \* Brittany, France, on 3 August 1944. After seventy-two hours of steady advance, Sergeant Anderson's company began to receive such exceptionally heavy machine gun fire as to threaten disorganization. Sergeant Anderson, without hesitation, dangerously exposed himself in order to rally the men and establish a defensive line. Shouting words of encouragement and urging the men to reach their positions quickly, even though he was exposed to enemy fire, Sergeant Anderson, a platoon sergeant, succeeded in reorganizing and establishing a defensive line that repelled the enemy counterattack. His prompt action, utter disregard for his personal safety, and words of encouragement to the tired men, won the admiration of his company and elicited praise from his superior officers. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Roy Childs, 37002776, 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. Leading a night reconnaissance patrol in advance of his battalion, Sergeant Childs completed his mission so thoroughly, despite artillery barrages, that the battalion advanced four miles to its objective with but few losses. Sergeant Childs' skillful completion of his task and his tenacity of purpose, facilitating the successful advance of his battalion, reflects credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Charles D Davis, 35597631 (then private first class), 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 received flanking fire from a concealed enemy machine gun emplacement and the 60mm mortar gunner who went forward to fire on the enemy position was wounded, Sergeant Davis voluntarily and without hesitation jumped over a hedgerow and, under enemy observation, retrieved the mortar, placed it in operation, and with it, destroyed the enemy machine gun position. The courage, coolness and initiative of Sergeant Davis, under heavy enemy fire, enabled his company to resume its advance. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Sergeant Marion N Teague, 38447493 (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 vicinity of \* \* \* Brittany, France, on 2 August 1944. When his company became pinned down by overwhelming artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Teague volunteered to ride atop and guide one of four tanks into the enemy positions. Approaching the objective, the tanks were suddenly confronted by a teller-mine field. Despite artillery and machine gun fire directed at the position, Sergeant Teague dismounted from the tank, assisted in clearing the mined area, remounted to his original position and successfully guided the tank in taking the enemy position. His outstanding heroism, coolness and prompt action enabled his company to complete a successful mission and won the respect and admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Sergeant James R West, 37219266, 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 2 August 1944. Sergeant West, lead scout of a point protecting the night advance of his battalion, when fired upon by an enemy machine gun, unhesitatingly moved to a flank position and, assisted by another soldier, opened fire upon the enemy position and continued to bring rifle fire upon the enemy until the position was neutralized. He then rejoined the point and continued with the advance. His outstanding coolness and prompt action reflects great credit upon him as an individual soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry W Long, 33511652, Medical Department, 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. Despite heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and mortar fire, Technician Long, an aid man, assisted in the care and evacuation of the wounded for a period of twenty consecutive hours. His devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety resulted in saving many of his comrades from further injury and possible death. His actions reflect credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Eugene D White, 37449157, Medical Department, 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. Despite heavy enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire, Technician White assisted in the care and evacuation of the wounded for eighteen consecutive hours. After receiving a leg wound, he attempted to continue his work but was unable to do so. His zealous devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety resulted in saving many of his comrades from further wounds and possible death. His actions reflect high credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Hubert H Harp, 33719424, 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 2 August 1944. When his company became pinned down by overwhelming artillery and machine gun fire, Private Harp volunteered to ride atop and guide one of four tanks into the enemy

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positions. Approaching the objective, the tanks were suddenly confronted by a teller-mine field. Despite artillery and machine gun fire directed at the position, Private Harp dismounted from the tank, assisted in clearing the mined area, re-mounted to his original position and successfully guided the tank in taking the enemy position. His outstanding heroism, coolness and prompt action enabled his company to complete a successful mission and won the respect and admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Charles McConaghy, 31306201, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 31 July 1944. Private McConaghy voluntarily entered an open field that was under enemy machine gun fire to recover two light machine guns and one 60mm mortar. Covered by two Browning Automatic Rifles, he crawled directly toward the enemy fire and, making four trips, succeeded in recovering the friendly weapons. He then set up his own machine gun and put it into operation against the enemy, starting a drive that culminated in the taking of the enemy positions. His courageous actions, devotion to duty and complete disregard for his own safety attest his high qualities as an individual soldier. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Clarence E Vaught, 20725214, 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 15 July 1944. Private Vaught and three companions volunteered to lead and assist medical aid men to enter an open area containing several wounded men. He had succeeded in assisting with the evacuation of six men when the enemy lighted the area with flares, and covered the field with machine gun fire. Despite the intensity of the fire, Private Vaught and his comrades continued their mission and succeeded in evacuating all the wounded men and in marking the location of a number of dead. His courage, coolness and devotion to duty are tributes to his qualities as an individual soldier and are in keeping with high military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Earl R C Wilson, 34725204, 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, 2 August 1944. Private Wilson, serving as radioman, was using his radio to keep the battalion commander informed of the situation in the battalion zone of action. Noticing a battery of enemy mortars being placed into position, he called for and directed the fire of artillery upon the enemy position. While so engaged, Private Wilson was wounded, but continued in the accurate direction of artillery fire on enemy positions until they had been neutralized. Private Wilson's tenacity of purpose, devotion to duty and courageous actions are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Robert W Wilson, 35748097, 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 15 July 1944. Private Wilson and three companions volunteered to lead and assist medical aid men to enter an open area containing several wounded men. He had succeeded in assisting with the evacuation of six men when the enemy lighted the area with flares, and covered the field with machine gun fire. Despite the intensity of the fire, Private Wilson and his comrades continued their mission and succeeded in evacuating all the wounded and marking the location of a number of dead. His courage, coolness and devotion to duty are tributes to his qualities as an individual soldier and are in keeping with high military traditions. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Private First Class William Wolftail, 39385310, 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 2 August 1944. Private Wolftail, a member of a night reconnaissance patrol, accurately reconnoitered the area and made verbal reports to the battalion commander, allowing the battalion to make a four-mile advance. Despite enemy artillery fire falling in the area traversed by the patrol, Private Wolftail successfully completed his mission. His tireless efforts, accuracy, and strict devotion to duty elicited praise from the commanders concerned and is in keeping with high military traditions. Entered military service from Montana.

Private Chester T Peters, 33502766, 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 2 August 1944. When his company became pinned down by overwhelming artillery and machine gun fire, Private Peters volunteered to ride atop and guide one of four tanks into the enemy positions. Approaching the objective, the tanks were suddenly confronted by a teller-mine field. Despite artillery and machine gun fire directed at the position, Private Peters dismounted from the tank, assisted in clearing the mined area, remounted to his original position and successfully guided the tank in taking the enemy position. His outstanding heroism, coolness and prompt action enabled his company to complete a successful mission and won the respect and admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Walter J Wiatrowski, 31316539, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, on 31 July 1944. Seeing two wounded men lying in an exposed position, Private Wiatrowski, an aid man, without hesitation and disregarding heavy enemy machine gun fire, crawled to them and administered first aid. He then evacuated first one, then the other, to the safety of a hedge-row. The zealous devotion to duty on the part of Private Wiatrowski, and his courageous actions in placing the welfare of his comrades above his own life, reflects high credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private Henry Wudarczyk, 31088430, 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 2 August 1944. When his company became pinned down by overwhelming artillery and machine gun fire, Private Wudarczyk volunteered to ride atop and guide one of four tanks into the enemy positions. Approaching the objective, the tanks were suddenly confronted by a teller-mine field. Despite artillery and machine gun fire directed at the position, Private Wudarczyk dismounted from the tank, assisted in clearing the mined area, remounted to his original position and successfully guided the tank in taking the enemy position. His outstanding heroism, coolness and prompt action enabled his company to complete a successful mission and won the respect and admiration of his comrades. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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