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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 enlisted men of this command:

Staff Sergeant Edgar Canter, 35414037, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, 22 August 1944. Sergeant Canter led a motorized eight-man combat patrol in advance of his battalion. Under his outstanding leadership, the patrol captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge. Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed that information to the battalion commander and was about to mark the mined area when fired upon by the enemy from a nearby house. Sergeant Canter maneuvered his patrol into position and engaged in a brief fire fight with the occupants of the house, forcing the surrender of ten enemy soldiers and four machine guns. The patrol then held the bridge and its vicinity until mines and road blocks had been removed. Sergeant Canter's leadership, resourcefulness and gallantry in action reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Corporal James W Stull, 15331269, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * Normandy, France, on 14 July 1944. During the operation against * * *, Corporal Stull was gunner in a mortar section of his company, then supporting the attack of Company L. A heavy concentration of enemy mortar and artillery fire upon his section's position made the firing of its mortar extremely hazardous. Realizing that mortar fire from his section was necessary for the continued support of the attack, Corporal Stull, voluntarily and without awaiting orders, left his foxhole and alone manned the mortar, an operation normally requiring the work of three men. When a withdrawal became necessary for the attacking unit, Corporal Stull continued to fire his mortar despite intense enemy fire, enabling the unit to withdraw successfully, reorganize and complete its mission. The gallantry in action of Corporal Stull, his tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty, reflect high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

II -- 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 man:

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Staff Sergeant Wilbert A Sundin, 39385234, 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, 12 July 1944. When the communication wire between the regimental command post and the battalion observation post was destroyed by intense enemy artillery fire, the company commander, assisted by Sergeant Sundin, repaired the wire. During a lull in the artillery fire, Sergeant Sundin was ordered by his commanding officer to return to the battalion to check the wire and to request ammunition urgently needed at the front lines. While on this mission, Sergeant Sundin was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. He could have taken cover in numerous foxholes in his vicinity, but, due to the urgency of his mission, he continued on his chosen route. Sergeant Sundin lost his life in his determination to complete his mission without delay. His action in refusing to be deterred from performing his duty, is an example of tenacity of purpose and courage, reflecting high credit upon his character. Entered military service from Oregon.

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:

Colonel Bernard A Byrne, 012404, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 31 July to 4 August 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Ohio.

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 22 August 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

Colonel Harold R Emery, 012071, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 24 July 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Illinois.

Major Philip Botchin, 0456600, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 17 to 20 August 1944. Entered military service from California.

Major George W Jamieson, 0395263, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, France, on 2 August 1944. Major Jamieson, Regimental S-2, * * * Infantry, alone and on foot, located major elements of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, which had become separated upon entering difficult terrain in darkness, and reorganized them in positions along the * * * River from which a successful crossing was subsequently made against heavy opposition. Major Jamieson accomplished this mission under enemy fire, and by an outstanding display of resourcefulness and energy. His dawn organization of the troops contributed materially to the effective termination of a difficult night offensive action. Entered military service from California.

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Captain Frederick S Webster, 0370294, Medical Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 9 August 1944. Two battalions of the * * * Infantry lost contact during the operation against * * * . Although exposed to enemy artillery and sniper fire while traversing enemy-mined areas, Captain Webster, with complete disregard for personal safety, succeeded in not only establishing contact between the two battalions, but in completely evacuating their fifty-nine casualties. His display of courage, coolness and leadership is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Lester L Remley, 01310499, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 12 August 1944. While preparing to launch an early attack against enemy positions, a large group of battalion officers and enlisted men became detached from the leading elements of the battalion and lost contact with the battalion commander. Voluntarily and alone, Lieutenant Remley set out in the dark, through unfamiliar territory, along the supposed route of the detached group. Despite the fact that the route was subjected to enemy observation and to intense enemy machine gun fire, Lieutenant Remley succeeded in establishing contact with the detached group, formed it into a patrol and led it back to the leading element. The intrepidity of Lieutenant Remley, his disregard for personal safety, and zeal for the accomplishment of the task at hand, reflect credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Master Sergeant Reuben A Johnson, 20720995, 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 July to 3 August 1944. During this period, Sergeant Johnson was responsible for the installation and continuous maintenance of wire communications and the smooth functioning of the message center. On all occasions, despite intense enemy fire of all types and over difficult terrain, regimental-battalion communications were maintained in an outstanding manner. Sergeant Johnson's skill, fortitude and leadership immeasurably contributed to the efficiency of regimental communications throughout the period. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Saul J Joseph, 20607928, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11 August 1944. When enemy fire forced the withdrawal of an advance patrol, the patrol leader was seriously wounded and left behind. Sergeant Joseph voluntarily went forward under enemy fire, reached the wounded man, administered first aid to him and evacuated him to his unit. By his heroic action, disregard for personal safety and loyalty to a comrade, Sergeant Joseph saved a wounded noncommissioned officer from further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Staff Sergeant Julius E Cardell, 14142169, 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 10 August 1944. Sergeant Cardell was one of a group of infantrymen from Company C, * * * Infantry, assigned the mission of riding on tanks to the objective in an attack. During the attack, these infantrymen were subjected to such heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire at close range, that many of them dismounted and moved to the rear. Sergeant Cardell and two other soldiers remained with their tank while it proceeded some six hundred yards into the enemy lines, dismounted when the tank halted, deployed around it and protected it from attack until the infantry unit in the rear reorganized and resumed its advance. The courageous devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Cardell reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Donald D Crisman, 12016412, 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. When a wounded member of his squad was left lying in an exposed position subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Crisman ran a distance of one hundred and fifty yards to pick up his comrade and carried him bodily across the field to safety. The heroic actions under fire of Sergeant Crisman made it possible for the wounded man to receive prompt medical attention, and probably saved his life. Sergeant Crisman's loyalty to his comrade and complete disregard for personal safety set the highest example to men under his control and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Albert J Gibeau Jr, 32234721, 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, 15 July 1944. Although the machine gun squad in support of an attacking company was cut off from it by reason of the company's withdrawal, Sergeant Gibeau, leader of the squad, retained full control of his section. Upon receipt of orders to withdraw to a new defensive position, Sergeant Gibeau displayed outstanding coolness and leadership in effecting an orderly and tactically perfect withdrawal, despite heavy concentrations of enemy small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire. No losses were incurred in the movement, during which all weapons were withdrawn, as well as one litter casualty, previously wounded. In the new position, Sergeant Gibeau's squad set up its weapons and aided materially in holding the position. Sergeant Gibeau's leadership, courage and coolness under fire reflect credit upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Harrison C Huffman, 37001890, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 9 July to 8 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Thomas E Plante, 35131485, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 11 August 1944. When his company was held down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant Plante, a squad leader volunteered to lead a three-man patrol forward to reconnoiter a position where the company might find cover. Alternately creeping and running, under heavy machine gun fire, he led his patrol to a hedgerow about one hundred and fifty yards to the front, selected a location for cover and routes of approach to it, and rejoined his unit to report his findings. The successful accomplishment of his mission enabled the entire company to advance to a position affording protection and probably avoided heavy casualties. Sergeant Plante's courageous actions under fire, his coolness and complete disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Edward P Svacina, 20721024, 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 July to 3 August 1944. During this period, Sergeant Svacina, wire chief, contributed immeasurably to the installation and continuous maintenance of regimental wire communications. On all occasions, despite intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, and enemy aerial assaults, in heavily booby-trapped and enemy-mined fields and over difficult terrain, Sergeant Svacina executed his duties in an exemplary manner, thereby promoting the efficiency of regimental communications throughout the period. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis J Hierholzer, 15104950, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 4 August 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade John B Spears, 19064418, 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 July to 3 August 1944. During this period, Technician Spears, crew chief, contributed immeasurably to the installation and continuous maintenance of regimental wire communications. On all occasions, despite intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, and enemy aerial assaults, in heavily booby-trapped and enemy-mined fields and over difficult terrain, Technician Spears executed his duties in an exemplary manner, thereby promoting the efficiency of regimental communications throughout the period. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fourth Grade John M Taber, 20726855, 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 July to 3 August 1944. During this period, Technician Taber, crew chief, contributed immeasurably to the installation and continuous maintenance of regimental wire communications. On all occasions, despite intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, and enemy aerial assaults, in heavily booby-trapped and enemy-mined fields and over difficult terrain, Technician Taber executed his duties in an exemplary manner, thereby promoting the efficiency of regimental communications throughout the period. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Technician Fifth Grade Rolland W McQuiston, 37034950, 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 July to 3 August 1944. During this period, Technician McQuiston, crew chief, contributed immeasurably to the installation and continuous maintenance of regimental wire communications. On all occasions, despite intense enemy small arms and artillery fire, and enemy aerial assaults, in heavily booby-trapped and enemy-mined fields and over difficult terrain, Technician McQuiston executed his duties in an exemplary manner, thereby promoting the efficiency of regimental communications throughout the period. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Chalmer R Swarts, 35250429, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 12 and 13 August 1944. During the pursuit of the enemy following the capture of * * *, Technician Swarts, a lineman, maintained wire communication lines to the regimental command posts, a task that necessitated carrying two extra reels of wire on his back and one on his chest. The wire was broken by enemy artillery fire on several occasions, and Technician Swarts traced down each breach and made necessary repairs, although enemy patrols were operating in the area. His devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Robert Y Briscoe, 37087978, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 14 July 1944. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class James E Buckner, 34038675, 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 10 August 1944. Private Buckner was one of a group of infantrymen from Company C, * * * Infantry, assigned the mission of riding on tanks to the objective in an attack. During the attack, these infantrymen were subjected to such heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire at close range, that many of them dismounted and moved to the rear. Private Buckner and two other soldiers remained with their tank while it proceeded some six hundred yards into the enemy lines, dismounted when the tank halted, deployed around it and protected it from attack until the infantry unit in the rear reorganized and resumed its advance. The courageous devotion to duty on the part of Private Buckner reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas C Gerdes, 37034670, 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 1 August 1944. When the First Platoon, Company C, * * * Infantry, was pinned down by enemy fire during an attack, suffering numerous casualties, Private Gerdes, an aid man, crawled forward through heavy enemy automatic weapons fire and administered first aid to wounded soldiers in the area. While so engaged, he was wounded, receiving a broken leg. He administered self aid. It was necessary for him to remain over night in the field where he was wounded. His evacuation was effected the following morning when Company C resumed its advance. The courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Private Gerdes reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Jones' courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Frank H Murray, 32747844, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 23 August 1944. As a member of an eight-man motorized combat patrol in advance of his battalion, Private Murray captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge near * * * . Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed this information to the battalion commander. When about to mark the mined area, Private Murray and his companions were fired upon from a nearby house. Moving into position with the patrol, he fired upon the occupants of the house, and forced the surrender of ten enemy soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Murray's courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Floyd L Peterson, 36404421, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 23 August 1944. As a member of an eight-man motorized combat patrol in advance of his battalion, Private Peterson captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge near * * * . Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed this information to the battalion commander. When about to mark the mined area, Private Peterson and his companions were fired upon from a nearby house. Moving into position with the patrol, he fired upon the occupants of the house, and forced the surrender of ten enemy soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Peterson's courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Joseph Rotella, 32747851, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 23 August 1944. As a member of an eight-man motorized combat patrol in advance of his battalion, Private Rotella captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge near * * * . Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed this information to the battalion commander. When about to mark the mined area, Private Rotella and his companions were fired upon from a nearby house. Moving into position with the patrol, he fired upon the occupants of the house, and forced the surrender of ten enemy soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Rotella's courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Roy W Valentine, 17077152, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 22 August 1944. As a member of an eight-man motorized combat patrol in advance of his battalion, Private Valentine captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge near * * * . Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed this information to the battalion commander. When about to mark the mined area, Private Valentine and his companions were fired upon from a nearby house. Moving into position with the patrol, he fired upon the occupants of the house, and forced the surrender of ten enemy soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Valentine's courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Theodore A Walton, 13177885, 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 9 and 10 August 1944. When his company was surrounded by the enemy during the course of an attack, Private Walton, an acting squad leader, voluntarily reconnoitered a route of withdrawal, then led small groups through the enemy lines by infiltration until the entire company was extricated from its precarious position without a single casualty. The courage and resourcefulness of Private Walton reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Walter L Miller, 13170745, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 22 August 1944. As a member of an eight-man motorized combat patrol in advance of his battalion, Private Miller captured two five-man enemy tank crews stationed at a bridge near * * * . Discovering the bridge to be a hastily-mined road block, the patrol radioed this information to the battalion commander. When about to mark the mined area, Private Miller and his companions were fired upon from a nearby house. Moving into position with the patrol, he fired upon the occupants of the house, and forced the surrender of ten enemy soldiers with four machine guns. With the other patrol members, he then held the bridge and vicinity until the road blocks and mines had been removed. Private Miller's courage and zealous devotion to duty enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Troy C Stricklen Jr, 31429272, 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 10 August 1944. Private Stricklen was one of a group of infantrymen from Company C, * * * Infantry, assigned the mission of riding on tanks to the objective in an attack. During the attack, these infantrymen were subjected to such heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire at close range, that many of them dismounted and moved to the rear. Private Stricklen and two other soldiers remained with their tank while it proceeded some six hundred yards into the enemy lines, dismounted when the tank halted, deployed around it and protected it from attack until the infantry unit in the rear reorganized and resumed its advance. The courageous devotion to duty on the part of Private Stricklen reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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IV -- PURPLE HEART. So much of Section I, General Orders No 23, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 23 August 1944, as pertains to Captain Charles E Hake, 0420091, Infantry, is rescinded.

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