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I — SILVER STAR (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, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

Captain Thomas A Swanson, 0351462, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. Although he was aware of the fact that the enemy had been extremely active in the area, he voluntarily formed a group of officers and men to enter a position to be covered by his battalion. Although Captain Swanson met his death as a result, his courageous action facilitated the movement of troops into the area and allowed Company E, * * * Infantry, to move into position by using a different route and to accomplish its mission without loss. Captain Swanson's gallant action and his devotion to duty and to his men, reflect the highest credit on the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

II — SILVER STAR. 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, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Captain Harry C Simpson, 01302536 (then first lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 12 August 1944. As Company Commander of Company C, * * * Infantry, he personally led his company in a successful attack against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill Number 310. He organized the defense of the hill, then called for and directed artillery fire on the retreating Germans. The enemy launched a heavy counterattack, and Captain Simpson skillfully led his company in a limited withdrawal, maintaining complete control of the situation at all times. When his battalion was relieved and directed to proceed to an assembly area, he led his company and a detachment from another company through more than a mile of enemy territory without casualties. The dynamic and inspiring leadership of Captain Simpson, his devotion to duty, resourcefulness and initiative, were responsible for inflicting many casualties upon the enemy while holding losses among his troops to a minimum. Entered military service from Montana.

First Lieutenant Howard J Moran, 01290285, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 13 July 1944. With communication with the battalion command post out, friendly tanks fired upon the enemy in such manner as to endanger the troops of the second battalion. Through a barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Moran crossed an open field for nearly two hundred yards, climbed on the side of one of the tanks and succeeded in obtaining the attention of the tank commander. This daring action caused the tanks to cease their fire, contact with the battalion commander was established, and the tank fire properly directed. Lieutenant Moran's gallantry, devotion to duty, his courage and disregard for personal safety, spared many casualties in his battalion and contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission. Entered military service from New York.

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Second Lieutenant Charles W Bell, 0533411, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 2 August 1944. While reconnoitering for a river crossing in advance of his platoon, a group of enemy soldiers detrucked from a half-track vehicle within 25 yards of his position. Lieutenant Bell opened fire with his carbine, killing two and wounding at least one of the enemy. When the enemy returned fire and charged with fixed bayonets, Lieutenant Bell jumped into the river and, swimming on his back, continued to fire at the enemy to cover withdrawal of his scouts. After reaching the safety of the opposite bank and informing his company commander of the situation, he returned to his platoon which had become pinned down by heavy fire from a concealed enemy machine gun emplacement, and, repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, skillfully led the platoon from the danger area. The gallant actions of Lieutenant Bell, his resourcefulness, coolness, and utter disregard for personal safety, reflect high credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the high traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant James J Rispoli, 32607891 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 31 July 1944. Sergeant Rispoli and another enlisted man left the comparative safety of a ditch and crawled to the assistance of several seriously wounded soldiers lying in an exposed position on a road. Sergeant Rispoli carried first one then another of his wounded comrades to an aid station, a distance of about three hundred yards across an open field swept by enemy machine gun fire. The courageous actions of Sergeant Rispoli, who placed the welfare of his comrades-in-arms above his personal safety, resulted in saving two soldiers from further wounds and possible death, and reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fourth Grade Vernon R Mattson, 37170328 (then technician fifth grade), Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, France, on 8 August 1944. Technician Mattson was serving as radio operator in an armored car when his platoon, acting as reconnaissance and screening force for the * * * Infantry, was counterattacked from the left flank by strong enemy forces. Although directed to withdraw, Technician Mattson elected to remain behind the enemy lines, and for about 15 hours relayed vital information of enemy movements. The gallant and courageous actions of Technician Mattson enabled his platoon to accomplish its assigned mission and, as a result, the powerful enemy counterattack was repulsed. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Edward J Murphy, 12209680, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 22 August 1944. During an engagement with the enemy, Private Murphy went forward, in the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire, to rescue a wounded comrade. Rendering first aid to the wounded man, Private Murphy carried the man, much larger than himself, a distance of seventy-five yards back to his own lines. He then learned that an order to withdraw had been issued, whereupon he carried the wounded man over hilly terrain and through hedgerows for another three hundred yards, where he evacuated the wounded man to the medical detachment for further treatment. Because of the gallant action of Private Murphy and his loyalty to a comrade, a wounded man was spared further injury and possible death. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Arthur M Nivison, 36874249, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 2 August 1944. Private Nivison, a radio operator, was slightly injured when an enemy artillery shell struck within ten feet of his battalion observation post. Despite his injury, he moved his radio to a new position under enemy mortar fire, returned to assist in evacuating the wounded, after which he maintained continuous operation of his radio for seven hours until ordered to the battalion aid station. The gallantry in action devotion to duty and efficiency of Private Nivison contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of his battalion's mission. Entered military service from Michigan.

III — SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 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, in addition to the Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

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Staff Sergeant Lavon Johnson, 34663378, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, 11 August 1944. Sergeant Johnson, a squad leader, was one of a two-man detail assigned the mission of reconnoitering a group of buildings on their company's left flank. They approached the buildings by a circuitous route through enemy-held territory, reached an enemy machine gun position and killed all members of the crew. They continued their search of the buildings, and succeeded in killing four of the enemy therein, wounding at least six more, and dispersing the remainder. The gallant actions of Sergeant Johnson, his tenacity of purpose and utter disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Charles H Browne Jr, 0387461, (then captain), Field Artillery, 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. Major Browne, S-2 of the * * * Field Artillery Battalion, was a member of the regimental commander's party on the first day of combat, when the party came under machine gun fire which killed the artillery battalion commander and wounded the regimental commander. Major Browne extricated himself from the field of hostile fire and assisted an infantry officer in establishing a regimental command post, securing artillery fire, and formulating a plan for the infantry advance. The courage, coolness and initiative on the part of Major Browne reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Kansas.

Major Reginald E Frizzelle, 0332135, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 31 August 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Sergeant Harold G Koetje, 6932185, 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 August 1944. When his company was surrounded by the enemy, cut off from communication with adjacent units, and subjected to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Koetje and two other soldiers volunteered to reestablish contact and secure aid. While making their way through enemy territory, one of the members of the patrol was killed in a fire fight. Sergeant Koetje and the other enlisted man completed the mission. The courage, resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Koetje reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Lake W Manning, 14137574, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technical Sergeant Howard J West, 37070897, (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 6 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Patrick Gorham Jr, 38071500, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, France, on 3 August 1944. Sergeant Gorham, a squad leader, crawled forward in the face of heavy enemy fire, and successfully evacuated one of his scouts who was lying seriously wounded in an open field. The courageous action of Sergeant Gorham saved his wounded comrade from further injury and possible death, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Arizona.

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Staff Sergeant William F McDowell, 38071654, Infantry, 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. During an attack against strong enemy positions, personnel of Headquarters Company were surrounded by the enemy, pinned down by enemy fire and unable to move to the front or rear. Sergeant McDowell, accompanied by another soldier, moved to an advantageous position and opened fire upon the enemy. This action drew the full effect of enemy fire to his position, thereby permitting the men of Headquarters Company to withdraw to a position of safety. Sergeant McDowell's heroic action saved casualties and reflects high credit upon the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Sergeant John A Broadwater, 37070618, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant James A Burzo, 32780531, 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 August 1944. When his company was surrounded by the enemy, cut off from communication with adjacent units, and subjected to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Burzo and two other soldiers volunteered to reestablish contact and to secure aid. While the patrol was passing through enemy territory, one of the members was killed in a fire fight. Sergeant Burzo and the other enlisted man completed the mission. The courage, resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Burzo reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Peter J Moses, 33083841 (then private), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in * * * , France, 17 August 1944. When infantry positions in * * * were shelled by enemy guns emplaced across the * * * River, Sergeant Moses, a gun commander, made a reconnaissance on foot, then maneuvered his Tank Destroyer into position in the face of direct antitank, artillery and small arms fire, and destroyed two enemy gun positions by direct fire. The courageous actions resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Moses resulted in the elimination of major obstacles from the path of our advancing infantry. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Robert W Stephenson, 20725213, 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 14 July 1944. When his squad and company commander were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire in an open field, Sergeant Stephenson moved to a vantage point under enemy observation and covered their withdrawal with rifle fire. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty on the part of Sergeant Stephenson reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal John Vogel Jr, 32168281, Field Artillery, 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. Corporal Vogel, a gunner, exposed himself from the turret of his tank destroyer in order to deliver more effective fire on enemy gun emplacements some 100 yards to the front, and succeeded in silencing a number of enemy machine guns and mortars. The courage, coolness, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Corporal Vogel reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Corporal Nelson E Walworth, 12055224, Field Artillery, 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. Corporal Walworth, a reconnaissance corporal, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy rifle and machine gun fire in order to direct fire from Tank Destroyers on enemy gun positions. As a result of his accurate fire direction, nineteen enemy machine gun emplacements and four mortars were destroyed, and the advance of accompanying infantry units was measurably facilitated. The courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety on the part of Corporal Walworth reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade John H Umland, 32417728, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 14 July 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class J C Boatman, 34505220, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Kennie Cline, 35444781, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private Samuel Forman, 32960099, 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 10 August 1944. Private Forman, an aid man, entered an open field under heavy enemy fire of all types to evacuate a wounded soldier who was left behind when his unit was forced to withdraw. Private Forman did not return from his mission, and has been missing in action since that occasion. The bravery and self-sacrifice of Private Forman reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Private Roy W Howard, 6967825, Field Artillery, 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. When the tank destroyer in which Private Howard was gunner became temporarily disabled because its turret entangled in the branches of a tree, Private Howard courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and removed the branches, thereby freeing the turret and returning the destroyer to action. Private Howard's display of initiative and heroic action are in keeping with the high standards of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

V — BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 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, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted man of this command:

Staff Sergeant Herman R Gunther, 19062933, 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. As Sergeant Gunther's squad was advancing against strongly defended enemy positions, one of his scouts, who was well in advance of the squad, was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Sergeant Gunther crawled forward to the wounded soldier and returned him to the safety of his own lines, disregarding his personal safety and the fact that enemy fire was directed at him. Sergeant Gunther's heroic action saved his squad member from further injury and probable death. His action is in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California

VI - AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART. 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, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated in France:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class Raymond F Mikolsky 20122726, Infantry	18 July	Connecticut
Private First Class William J Nix 34682663, Infantry	3 July	Georgia
Private First Class Anthony N Panagakos 32717140, Infantry	1 August	New York
Private First Class Theodore A Papke 20230461, Infantry	30 July	New York
Private First Class Sidney Perry 34663156, Infantry	31 July	North Carolina
Private First Class Ernest E Prough 20622619, Medical Department	26 August	Illinois
Private First Class Ernest M Roberg 33067376, Infantry	17 August	Maryland
Private First Class Leonard W Roper 20725827, Infantry	10 August	Kansas
Private First Class Roy A Sager 35337249, Coast Artillery Corps	16 August	Ohio
Private First Class Robert W Schmidt 37563420, Infantry	17 August	North Dakota
Private First Class Densil E Sides 38396444, Infantry	2 August	Oklahoma
Private First Class Frederick E Smith 35534993, Infantry	25 August	Ohio

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RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Private First Class James R Smith 38447059, Infantry	10 August	Arkansas
Private First Class Joseph D Smith 37242196, Infantry	2 August	Kansas
Private First Class John D Stansbury 35868652, Medical Department	18 August	Indiana
Private First Class Algie Stewart 34663396, Infantry	18 July	North Carolina
Private First Class George T Stone 36879261, Infantry	12 August	Michigan
Private First Class Malcolm E Stradling 33793681, Infantry	17 August	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Charles F Thomas 35621833, Medical Department	30 July	Ohio
Private James P Battista 32703332, Infantry	11 August	New York
Private William H Baty 34892046, Infantry	28 July	North Carolina
Private Donald R Brewer 38463839, Medical Department	30 July	Oklahoma
Private Jesse C Case 34910441, Infantry	12 August	Florida
Private Mike Cisek 36678918, Infantry	17 August	Illinois
Private Sennett W Culpepper 34637818, Infantry	1 August	Mississippi
Private Curtis F Davis 34589840, Infantry	10 August	Alabama
Private Emil DiAmbrosia 32167268, Infantry	29 July	Delaware
Private John H Dunn 36649383, Infantry	11 August	Illinois
Private Joseph Flito 39195909, Coast Artillery Corps	23 July	Washington
Private Ray C Gilbert 33659631, Infantry	1 August	Virginia
Private Fred Gilliem 34571760, Infantry	9 August	Georgia
Private Harry C Helmick 33211185, Infantry	16 August	Virginia
Private Gerard T Holtman 33708952, Infantry	30 July	Pennsylvania
Private Ellis T Jackson 37161340, Infantry	30 July	North Dakota
Private Howard P Kreher 36647855, Infantry	17 August	Illinois
Private Earl M Lenon 37154661, Cavalry	11 August	Kansas
Private Harry E Matson 35575394, Infantry	12 August	Indiana
Private Sidney Minkoff 32990116, Infantry	12 August	New York
Private Frederick Munsell 42054230, Infantry	1 August	New York
Private Clarence Peterson 20421223, Infantry	16 August	Florida
Private Joseph Potash 36850099, Medical Department	30 July	Michigan
Private Paul A Renfro 37244430, Coast Artillery Corps	20 July	Missouri
Private Marvin T Schmidt 38017071, Infantry	1 August	Oklahoma
Private Louis J Schuckman 35879966, Infantry	21 August	Kentucky
Private Ferd M Smith 37514119, Infantry	10 August	Kansas
Private Joseph G Trempel 35766240, Infantry	19 August	Indiana
Private Doyle J Towers 36459390, Infantry	2 August	Michigan
Private Anthony A Varsalone 20223753, Infantry	3 August	New Jersey
Private John L Vennezla 42030105, Infantry	2 August	New York
Private William G Wuenstel 33668177, Infantry	1 August	Pennsylvania
Private Waino E Wuolukka 36564351, Infantry	17 July	Michigan

VII — PURPLE HEART. So much of General Orders No 17, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 11 August 1944, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Joe F Kemler, 20723330, Infantry, is rescinded.

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