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I -- SILVER STAR (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, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Wallace B Cull, 35693246, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. Sergeant Cull, a platoon guide, lost his life in a gallant attempt to evacuate wounded soldiers exposed to heavy concentrations of enemy machine gun and mortar fire. His intrepid actions and utter disregard for personal safety in placing the welfare of his comrades-in-arms above his own life, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private Anthony E Morizzo, 36685330, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 11 July 1944. When his unit was pinned down by heavy concentrations of enemy fire, Private Morizzo, a rifleman, voluntarily attached himself to a machine gun squad of which only one member was then surviving. Acting as ammunition bearer and assistant gunner, Private Morizzo remained at this gun to cover the successful withdrawal of his unit. He was killed in action four days later while leading an attack on strong enemy positions. The gallant action of Private Morizzo, his devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Major Warren C Wood, 0295588, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 8 August 1944. The First Battalion, * * * Infantry, encountered strong enemy resistance to its front and left flank while enemy tanks moved in from its rear. Grasping the danger of the battalion's position, Major Wood, then battalion executive officer, organized the rear elements for a fire fight with the tanks, organized the message center personnel into rocket-launching teams, and, working his way under heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire toward two tank destroyers, ordered them into action against the tanks. As a result of the determined resistance organized and directed by Major Wood, the enemy tank attack was repelled. The gallant action of Major Wood, his aggressive leadership and initiative, reflect high credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Malcolm Kullmar, 0386335, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 11 and 12 August 1944. During an attack on the approaches to Hill 317 on 11 August, Captain Kullmar's company became isolated from the remainder of the battalion. He prepared a well controlled defensive position and, under constant enemy fire of all types, directed his troops so skillfully that five sharp enemy counterattacks supported by tanks were repulsed. When reinforcements were received the following morning, Captain Kullmar reorganized his company and led an attack on Hill 317 which resulted in its capture. Captain Kullmar's demonstrated leadership ability, his resourcefulness, coolness, and disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

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First Lieutenant Frank W Gardner, 01298382, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 10-11 August 1944. Lieutenant Gardner, commanding Company B, * * * Infantry, led his troops in an attack, on tanks, against Hill Number 317 in the face of direct fire from enemy antitank guns the afternoon of 10 August. He succeeded in reaching the hillside that evening then attached his unit to another company of riflemen and established joint defensive positions. This position was isolated from the remainder of the battalion for approximately thirty hours, during which time five sharp enemy counterattacks, supported by tanks, were successfully repulsed. Although twice wounded, Lieutenant Gardner remained in active command until the morning of 12 August, when the severity of his wounds necessitated his evacuation. His dynamic leadership, resourcefulness, and disregard for personal safety in establishing and holding the forward position against strong enemy opposition, was largely responsible for the successful assault on Hill Number 317 by his battalion on 12 August. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant Daniel L Nicksic, 01017745 (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. Lieutenant Nicksic led a platoon of tanks against strong enemy positions and, despite the fact that accompanying infantry was held up by heavy enemy fire of all types, continued forward and destroyed an undetermined number of enemy machine gun and artillery emplacements, capturing 18 prisoners, demoralizing the enemy in the vicinity, and enabling the infantry to continue its advance and reach its objective. His able leadership, tactical acumen and zeal in the execution of his mission reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Nicksic's character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

First Lieutenant Paul L Riggs, 01307307, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 12 August 1944. Lieutenant Riggs led his platoon in an attack against Hill Number 310 in the * * * Forest, remaining well to the front and personally killing five of the enemy during the ascent. After securing the hill, he directed establishment of defensive positions. When his communications with the battalion observation post were knocked out by heavy enemy artillery fire, he made his way a distance of about a half-mile through heavy enemy fire of all types, and directed accurate artillery fire on enemy targets Later that day he led a patrol in the destruction of an enemy machine gun position which was delivering harassing fire upon his troops, capturing four positions. Lieutenant Riggs' dynamic and inspiring leadership, resourcefulness, and utter disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and are in accord with the traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Second Lieutenant James A Ball, 01304486, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, on 1 August 1944. Lieutenant Ball led his weapons platoon in a successful assault upon a hill in the area of * * * , then made a personal reconnaissance for mortar targets on the enemy side of the hill. Realizing that reinforcements were needed, and having no communications with supporting units, he returned to the battalion observation post accompanied by an enlisted man of his platoon. Enroute, they encountered enemy machine gun fire, successfully attacked the position killing one German and dispersing the remainder of the crew, then continued on to their objective under enemy artillery and mortar fire. Lieutenant Ball secured infantry support, led the troops to the hill position, then successfully defended the hill against all enemy attacks. He then assisted in the evacuation of casualties to an aid station, under enemy fire. The gallant actions of Lieutenant Ball reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer, and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Seaborn A Causey Jr, 20463039, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, on 12 August 1944. During the operation against * * * , Sergeant Causey, a platoon sergeant, was leading the advance of his platoon when its progress was impeded by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire which he observed emanating from a hedgerow fifty yards distant across an open field. Crossing the field under enemy small arms fire directed at him, Sergeant Causey reached and climbed the hedgerow, where he threw a hand grenade into the enemy gun emplacement, destroying the gun and its crew. Remaining at this position, he covered the advance of his platoon. The gallant action of Sergeant Causey, his devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, are in accord with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Technical Sergeant Royal A Offer, 37119520, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11 August 1944. Sergeant Offer, a platoon sergeant, 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 Offer, his tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant George H Nienhueser, 37613416, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, on 1 August 1944. Sergeant Nienhueser led his squad to the summit of a stubbornly defended hill near * * * , then accompanied his platoon leader to the battalion observation post to secure necessary support. Enroute, they encountered enemy machine gun fire, and attacked the machine gun, killing one German and dispersing the remainder of the crew. He continued to his objective, returned to the hill position with supporting troops, and assisted in the successful defense of the hill against all enemy attacks. He then assisted in the evacuation of casualties to an aid station. The gallant actions of Sergeant Nienhueser reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal John R Ahlberg, 37147585, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, France, on 10 August 1944. While his unit was being subjected to heavy bombing and strafing by enemy aircraft, Corporal Ahlberg, although himself suffering from concussion, left the protection of his slit trench and, with the aid of another enlisted man, saved from suffocation an officer and an enlisted man buried by the blast of a bomb explosion, despite continuous machine gun fire from the strafing aircraft, and antipersonnel bombs exploding in the immediate vicinity. The gallant and courageous actions of Corporal Ahlberg, who placed the welfare of his comrades above his personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade William A Morris Sr, 34141075, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, France, on 10 August 1944. While his unit was being subjected to heavy bombing and strafing by enemy aircraft, Technician Morris, although himself suffering from concussion and other injuries, left the protection of his slit trench and, with the aid of another enlisted man, saved from suffocation an officer and an enlisted man buried by the blast of a bomb explosion, despite continuous machine gun fire from the strafing aircraft, and antipersonnel bombs exploding in the immediate vicinity. The gallant and courageous actions of Technician Morris, who placed the welfare of his comrades above his personal safety, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Edward L Curliss, 38590862 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in * * * , France, on 27 August 1944. Private Curliss, a rifleman, was a member of the security patrol in the town of * * * , France during the night of 26-27 August. About 0015 on the morning of 27 August he encountered a column of German troops entering the town. Unable to recognize them in the darkness he challenged the column, which failed to halt. Upon moving closer for better observation, he was seized by three enemy soldiers. Private Curliss stabbed one of the enemy, clubbed another unconscious with his machine pistol, then fired into the column. The firing alerted the remainder of the company, and in the resulting fire fight numerous casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, and sixty-seven Germans were taken prisoner. The intrepid courage, resourcefulness and display of physical strength on the part of Private Curliss prevented enemy infiltration into his company's position, and reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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Private First Class Raymond M Kirkland, 34548301, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, on 29 July 1944. When the advance of his company was temporarily halted by heavy and accurate enemy machine gun fire from concealed emplacements, Private Kirkland, a rifleman, advanced alone ahead of his unit and succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun position. The intrepid bravery, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety on the part of Private Kirkland facilitated the advance of his unit, and reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Marvin D Tarkington, 34663293, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, on 28 July 1944. While his company made a temporary withdrawal from the line of fire of supporting tanks, Private Tarkington, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, volunteered to block the approaches to a sunken road, the principal escape route for enemy troops in the area. He assumed a position which afforded him maximum observation but little cover or concealment. The enemy attempted to escape through this road but were stopped by withering fire from this soldier. Although wounded in the leg, Private Tarkington continued firing upon the enemy until he was again wounded and totally incapacitated. The intrepid actions of Private Tarkington, his courage, coolness and disregard for personal safety, cut off an escape route for enemy troops and enabled reinforcements to come forward and effectively block further escape attempts Entered military service from North Carolina.

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

Staff Sergeant Charles F Salisbury, 17054140 (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, on 1 August 1944. Taking command of his squad when its leader was killed, Sergeant Salisbury advanced through hedgerow terrain to a point at which enemy machine gun fire struck his lead scout. Realizing the necessity for withdrawal, Sergeant Salisbury, while exposed to enemy machine gun fire, fired a number of rifle grenades at the enemy machine gun emplacements and destroyed them, permitting the successful withdrawal of his squad to a position of safety. The courageous action and leadership of Sergeant Salisbury, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul J Dwyer, 31271431, 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, 14 July 1944. Completely disregarding heavy concentrations of enemy fire, Technician Dwyer was continuously ahead of his company lines, rendering aid to wounded men during a withdrawal. He went to the aid of two soldiers who had been wounded as they attempted to withdraw with their unit. He did not return from one of these missions and later his death was established. Sergeant Dwyer's courageous action in disregarding his personal safety in rendering aid to wounded soldiers, reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department, United States Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Corporal Harold F Burnett, 20733892, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France, on 25 July 1944. Corporal Burnett was assigned the mission of restoring communications between the second liaison section and the fire direction center of his battalion. Together with another enlisted man, he worked for over three hours along a road subjected to heavy enemy fire, and was engaged in testing the communications when he was killed by enemy shellfire. Corporal Burnett's zealous devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Private First Class John T Shockley, 34701831, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Normandy, France, on 25 July 1944. Private Shockley was assigned the mission of restoring communications between the second liaison section and the fire direction center of his battalion. Together with another enlisted man, he worked for over three hours along a road subjected to heavy enemy fire, and was engaged in testing the communications when he was fatally wounded by enemy shellfire. Private Shockley's zealous devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Julius P Sieling, 36761403, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. Private Sieling, a rifleman, picked up a rocket launcher, fired upon an enemy machine gun which was delivering accurate fire and inflicting casualties upon his platoon. While so engaged, he was killed by enemy action. Private Sieling's courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

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:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert E Moore Jr, 0254021, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 31 July to 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Major Myron A Funk, 0360867, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 to 22 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Roger N Baker, 0396773, 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. After two of his platoon leaders had become casualties, Captain Baker, commanding Company D, * * * Infantry, effected a successful reorganization of his unit despite heavy enemy artillery fire, to which he himself was exposed. Discovering one of his men wounded and lying in an exposed position, Captain Baker obtained the assistance of a noncommissioned officer and, with disregard for personal safety, removed the wounded man to a place of safety. The leadership displayed by Captain Baker, his courage and devotion to his men, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Jonas D Conderman, 0414671, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 to 22 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Leo E Huff, 0424444, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, France, 1 August 1944. When the enemy had established itself on the opposite bank of the * * * River, Captain Huff, commanding Company E, * * * Infantry, the battalion point, moved so close to the enemy, that he was able to overhear their conversation. With knowledge of the situation thus gained, Captain Huff personally led his men and directed their fire against enemy emplacements, as a result of which numerous enemy positions were destroyed. Captain Huff's initiative, resourcefulness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Captain Virgil E Hyde, 0392001 (then first lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 16 July to 5 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Elbert B O'Keeffe, 0416856, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 8 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Edmund J Glick, 01169983, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Melven L Larson, 01307036, 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. A platoon leader in Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, Lieutenant Larson moved his observation post two hundred yards in advance of front line elements his unit supported in the attack against * * * , in order to obtain more effective fire on enemy gun emplacements and troop concentrations. Exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Larson remained at this position, directing effective fire that materially contributed to the success of the regimental mission. The resourcefulness, disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty on the part of Lieutenant Larson, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Lieutenant Henry G Morgan Jr, 026305, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11-12 August 1944. When his company became isolated during an attack on Hill Number 317, Lieutenant Morgan, a platoon leader, against strong enemy resistance, led a patrol with the mission of establishing contact with units on the right flank, and accomplished the mission after breaking through the enemy main line of resistance, engaging in fire fights, and killing at least fifteen Germans. His fearless leadership, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Alabama.

Second Lieutenant Billy J Barr, 0887596 (then technical sergeant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 19 August 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

First Sergeant Donald L DeLaney, 20734403, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 5 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Ira W Austin, 37002814, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 18 August 1944. While searching for targets for his mortars set up in the city of * * * , Platoon Sergeant Austin observed enemy gun positions and a considerable number of troops just across the * * * River. He called for artillery fire, and as a result of his accurate fire direction, heavy casualties were inflicted upon the unsuspecting enemy, forcing them to withdraw from their river positions and making more secure the position of our troops in the city of * * * . Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Thelbert R Cheatum, 20726387, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Francis W Baker, 35205048, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 July 1944. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Staff Sergeant Melvyn A Gugat, 37035005, 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 16 July 1944. Sergeant Gugat was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Sergeant Gugat reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Walter R Jones, 20725778 (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 * * * , France, on 12 August 1944. When his platoon was ambushed by the enemy and subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Jones assisted in directing members of the platoon to safety, then moved forward and evacuated a wounded soldier from an exposed position. His initiative and coolness under enemy fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Spelts H Parker, 20616537, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 July 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Willard S Parsons, 15071615, 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. Sergeant Parsons assumed command of his platoon after the platoon leader became a casualty when the platoon was ambushed by the enemy and subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire. He directed members of the platoon to safety, and supervised evacuation of the wounded. While so engaged, he was himself seriously wounded. By his coolness, resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Parsons enabled his platoon to escape an enemy ambush with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Herbert Seamans, 38075886 (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. When his platoon was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire in the operation against * * * , Sergeant Seamans voluntarily assumed command of the platoon, directed its reorganization, oriented its members in accordance with the orders of the company commander, and led the unit in a successful assault against enemy positions. The resourcefulness, initiative, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Seamans, reflect great credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant John F Walsh, 12097395, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 August 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Paul Clevenger, 35581524, 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 12 August 1944. Proceeding in column formation, the vehicles of the Third Platoon, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, were led by a vehicle containing a mine-detecting squad, of which Sergeant Clevenger was in charge. The first vehicle was ambushed by the enemy. Quickly, Sergeant Clevenger jumped from the vehicle, leaped over a hedgerow and fired upon the enemy, drawing their fire and enabling the remainder of the platoon to withdraw to a position of safety. At some time after the action Sergeant Clevenger was found near the scene of the ambush, seriously wounded and with his ammunition wholly depleted. The quick thinking, courage and disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Clevenger, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Sergeant Gordon R Engle, 37302663, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant Robert T Forth, 36368760, 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 16 July 1944. Sergeant Forth was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Sergeant Forth reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Jack G Perry, 38071547, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic services in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 16 July 1944. Sergeant Perry was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Sergeant Perry reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Arizona.

Sergeant Adam Rutensky, 35523991 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France, on 12 July 1944. In the operation against * * * , Sergeant Rutensky served as a light machine gunner. When the mission of his unit was to dislodge the enemy from strongly fortified positions, Sergeant Rutensky so deftly maneuvered his machine gun that his highly effective fire killed twelve of the enemy and wounded several more, thus contributing materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission. The coolness and efficiency displayed by Sergeant Rutensky set an example for others in his section. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Ivan E Farney 20723927, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Gerald J Theobald, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles S Young, 37034451, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal John M Ford, 36690278, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal William C Kalmar, 34663472, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Corporal William E Murphy, 34664209, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 5 September 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer F Hogan, 35319843, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Clyde W Lowe, 35680208, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 14 July 1944. With complete disregard for personal safety, Technician Lowe went forward to the aid of a wounded soldier, and, despite intense enemy mortar and rifle fire, administered first aid to the wounded man and evacuated him to a place of safety. The courageous action of Technician Lowe, his devotion to duty and loyalty to a fellow soldier, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Technician Fifth Grade Albert P Reynolds, 36038078, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 2 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade George J Schmidt, 33034532, 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, 4 August 1944. Despite heavy concentrations of enemy machine gun and mortar fire on the area where a soldier lay wounded, Technician Schmidt went to the aid of the wounded man, administered first aid and evacuated him to a place of safety. The courage, devotion to duty and loyalty to a fellow soldier, reflect credit upon the character of Technician Schmidt and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl K Taylor, 35250794, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class William J Ashley Jr, 36558415, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 31 July 1944. Disregarding his own safety, Private Ashley crossed open ground under heavy enemy small arms fire in order to establish contact between his platoon and the leading platoon of the company, which was being pinned down by enemy fire. Private Ashley was able to bring valuable information to his company commander, which resulted in assistance being sent to the trapped platoon, thereby preventing possible further casualties. The resourcefulness, heroic devotion to duty and courage on the part of Private Ashley reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Herman H Bruning Jr, 13199963, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 26 July 1944. When an infantry captain was wounded and lay in an area subjected to intense enemy mortar fire, Private Bruning, assisted by an officer, went to the aid of the wounded officer, administered first aid and evacuated him to a place of safety. The courageous action of Private Bruning and his disregard for personal safety, saved an officer from further injury and possible death. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Glin C Dumas, 38447268, 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 12 July 1944. Private Dumas, a messenger, accompanied his unit in an attack across a hedgerow against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill Number 108 in the * * * sector. Seeing several wounded soldiers being treated by aid men in an exposed position subjected to heavy enemy fire of all types, Private Dumas covered their position until they were evacuated, firing his weapon continuously despite the fact that aimed fire was directed at him. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Cloyce T Drake, 34589511, 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 16 July 1944. Private Drake was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Private Drake reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Robert L Elliott, 36561792, 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 16 July 1944. Private Elliott was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Private Elliott reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Private First Class Alexander G Gonos, 32607286, 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. Private Gonos was stationed on a main highway on the right flank of a hastily prepared defensive position in the vicinity of * * * . His assignment was that of preventing penetration of enemy armored vehicles reported moving toward his position. Displaying courage and tenacity of purpose and without regard for enemy fire of all types, Private Gonos remained at his position, repelled three enemy counterattacks and neutralized one enemy armored vehicle by using a rocket launcher. As a result of this action, the enemy withdrew. His determination to fulfill his assignment and his devotion to duty, reflect credit upon Private Gonos' character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Reece Jacobs Jr 35598374, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Stanley A Komosinski, 35521010, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Claris W Mullin, 37118389, 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 16 July 1944. Private Mullin was one of a group of seven soldiers who refused to withdraw when their platoon was forced back one hedgerow by an enemy counterattack. Attempting to hold its position, this group courageously withstood several counterattacks and inflicted heavy losses upon the enemy before it withdrew. In the interim, the platoon gained time to reorganize and successfully withstand another heavy counterattack. The courage and initiative on the part of Private Mullin reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Clarence E Parks, 38446854, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class John P Prendergast, 36034367, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , France, 6 August 1944. Shortly after enemy action had left fires raging in * * * on the night of 6 August, vehicles transporting troops and ammunition halted at a burning building in the town, thus endangering the lives of the drivers and the entrucked troops. Private Prendergast, a truck driver, realizing the situation, parked his vehicle, and, on his own initiative, took a position near the burning debris and kept traffic moving, thereby enabling the safe movement of troops into the town. The initiative, resourcefulness and coolness of Private Prendergast reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class William J Ruane, 32736700, 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. Private Ruane, a company runner, disregarding personal safety, and in the face of heavy enemy fire, led a 60mm mortar section across an open field to a position of support for a rifle platoon then being pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. This action on the part of Private Ruane prevented possible heavy casualties, and with mortar support, the rifle platoon was able to attack and attain its objective. Private Ruane's devotion to duty and heroic action reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Glen T Word, 34040343, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Anthony Zavaskis 35320008, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private Walter J Hoffman, 32199181, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Albert J Slyman, 32946299, 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. Private Slyman was stationed on a main highway on the right flank of a hastily prepared defensive position in the vicinity of * * * . His assignment was that of preventing penetration of enemy armored vehicles reported moving toward his position. Displaying courage and tenacity of purpose and without regard for enemy fire of all types, Private Slyman remained at his position, repelled three enemy counterattacks and neutralized one enemy armored vehicle by using a rocket launcher. As a result of this action, the enemy withdrew. His determination to fulfill his assignment and his devotion to duty, reflect credit upon Private Slyman's character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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 officer and enlisted men of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel Alford C Boatsman, 0244530, 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 and 23 August 1944. On 22 August, Colonel Boatsman led the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, in an attack on the city of * * * . He seized a position 1000 yards in width on Hill Number 101 near the city, and set up defensive holding positions. The attack was resumed the following day, and resulted in routing the Germans from * * * . Throughout the operation Colonel Boatsman remained with forward elements of the battalion, in utter disregard for personal safety. The dynamic personal leadership of Colonel Boatsman, and his resourceful display of tactical knowledge resulted in the successful accomplishment of the battalion mission with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Harrison G Huffman, 37001690, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 13 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Chalmer R Swarts, 35250429, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 18 July 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

VI -- PURPLE HEART (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 Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and 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
Captain Melvin B Frits 01286630, Infantry	16 August	Kansas
Captain Charles E Hake 0420091, Infantry	13 August	Nebraska
Second Lieutenant Samuel P Bakewell 01310671, Infantry	17 August	South Dakota
Second Lieutenant Richard E Blair 0887545, Infantry	17 August	Kansas
Technical Sergeant Joe F Kenler 20723330, Infantry	4 August	Nebraska
Technical Sergeant Harry J Richard 34078057, Infantry	16 August	Louisiana
Staff Sergeant Lloyd E Brown 36445959, Infantry	1 August	Arkansas
Staff Sergeant John W Freeman 36586076, Infantry	9 August	Oklahoma
Private First Class Bill E Coakley 35754400, Infantry	13 August	West Virginia
Private First Class Walter J Schwartz 39063423, Field Artillery	28 August	California
Private First Class William G Wuenstel 33660177, Infantry	12 August	Pennsylvania
Private Maynard E Wagemann 36663635, Infantry	31 July	Michigan

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