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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 officers:

Second Lieutenant Alexander Cameron, 01323910, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. Lieutenant Cameron led the First Machine Gun Platoon, Company D, * * * Infantry, supporting the attack of Company A, * * * Infantry, in the operation against * * * . When the supported unit was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Lieutenant Cameron ordered his platoon to remain in its position and continue its fire at the enemy gun, while he went forward, armed with his carbine and a hand grenade, in an attempt to destroy the emplacement. Crawling to within grenade-throwing distance, Lieutenant Cameron was discovered by the enemy machine gun crew, who directed their fire at him. Springing to his feet, Lieutenant Cameron ran forward and threw his grenade, but at the time it destroyed the enemy gun, he was killed by the enemy machine gun fire. The intrepid actions of Lieutenant Cameron in placing the success of the mission at hand above that of his own life, constitute such gallantry in action as to reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Ward Talcott, 01325117, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 13 July 1944. In the hedgerow fighting about * * * , the point of lead infantry moving forward to strengthen a lightly held position threatened by enemy infiltration, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire from a group of buildings. Lieutenant Talcott voluntarily led a reinforced squad around the flank of the buildings in an attempt to destroy the enemy guns, but while crossing hedgerows to reach his objective, other enemy machine guns opened fire, as a result of which he was mortally wounded. Lieutenant Talcott's inspiring courage and initiative are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

First Lieutenant John Campbell Jr, 01325554, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector, France, 27 July 1944. When Company L, * * * Infantry, was unable to continue its advance because of fire from an enemy machine gun, Lieutenant Campbell, a platoon leader, sent a squad to the left flank of the enemy emplacement in an attempt to destroy it. Since the squad was unable to bring flanking fire upon the enemy emplacement, Lieutenant Campbell, armed only with hand grenades, crawled to the enemy's right flank where he threw two grenades which destroyed the gun, killed its crew and enabled Company L to continue its advance. The gallantry in action on the part of Lieutenant Campbell, his courage and zeal for the accomplishment of his unit's mission, reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Frank D Derouin, 026285, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 22 August 1944. On his first day of leadership under enemy fire, Lieutenant Derouin was given the assignment of leading a combat patrol into the city of * * * with the mission of determining if the hospital therein was used as enemy headquarters, and to capture a German general supposedly there. Almost immediately, the patrol encountered enemy resistance, but Lieutenant Derouin went forward with a radio man, and although under enemy fire, directed his artillery fire so accurately, that the enemy was

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killed or dispersed. Continuing to advance with his men, Lieutenant Derouin and the patrol were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, but by maintaining a calm disposition and complete control of his group, he was enabled to remove them to the cover of nearby woods. By proving himself an encouraging and inspiring leader, the members of his patrol advanced with him into the city, capturing two German officers and three enlisted men en route, and succeeding in locating the hospital, although no German general was found there. The leadership, devotion to duty and zeal for the accomplishment of his mission, reflect great credit upon Lieutenant Derouin and upon the military service. Entered military service from Washington, DC.

Sergeant Fred W Brown, 19055545, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 July 1944 near * * * , Normandy, France. While serving voluntarily as a member of a field artillery forward observer party with front line elements of the * * * Infantry, Sergeant Brown observed the approach of an enemy force of approximately twenty-five soldiers, the leading elements of which group reached the opposite side of a hedgerow behind which the observer party was stationed. Without hesitation, on his own initiative, and without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Brown mounted the hedge, shot the leading member of the enemy force with his pistol, and then leapt to the enemy side of the hedgerow, where he fired at the enemy until his pistol jammed, when he called for a carbine and continued to fire at the enemy although heavy machine gun and small arms fire were being directed at him during that time. Upon being ordered back to his own side of the hedgerow, Sergeant Brown obtained a heavy machine gun with which he continued to direct fire at the enemy. The gallant and inspiring action, initiative, and personal bravery of Sergeant Brown reflect credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Sergeant Edward V Dalsoglio, 39680622 (then technician fifth grade), Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 July 1944 near * * * , Normandy, France. While serving voluntarily as a member of a field artillery forward observer party with front line elements of the * * * Infantry, Sergeant Dalsoglio witnessed the approach of an enemy force of approximately twenty-five soldiers, the leading elements of which reached the opposite side of the hedgerow behind which the observer party was stationed. Without hesitation, on his own initiative, and without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Dalsoglio leapt across the hedge, fired his carbine against the enemy until he was out of ammunition, whereupon he called for another weapon and continued to fire aimed shots into the enemy although heavy machine gun and small arms fire were being directed against him. Upon being ordered back to his own side of the hedgerow, Sergeant Dalsoglio obtained a heavy machine gun with which he continued to direct fire against the enemy. The gallant and inspiring action, initiative and personal bravery of Sergeant Dalsoglio reflect credit upon the military service. Entered military service from Idaho.

Technician Fifth Grade Eugene F Tallman, 37550329 (then private first class), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. Technician Tallman, a litter-bearer, Company B, * * * Medical Battalion, crawled to the aid of five wounded men who lay exposed to intense enemy fire of all types. Undaunted by the fact that he was practically buried by an enemy shell, Technician Tallman proceeded to bandage four wounded men while other shells struck close about him. He then crawled back to his lines with the fifth man who was more seriously wounded. Technician Tallman and his patient were then pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. He was unable to move until a smoke screen was laid, enabling him to complete the evacuation of the wounded soldier, and permitting the four men to whom he had administered first aid, to walk to safety. Technician Tallman's gallantry in action, his disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from North Dakota.

III — BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Russell Darling, 32919752, 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. The Second Platoon of Company L, * * * Infantry, received the dual assignment of supporting the leading company element and protecting company headquarters. Intense enemy tank

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and machine gun action impeded the forward elements, surrounded the company and pinned down company headquarters personnel. Private Darling, and assistant squad leader, aided by another enlisted man, moved into an advantageous position and opened fire, causing the enemy to shift their fire upon him, as a result of which company headquarters personnel were enabled to withdraw to safety. The heroic action of Private Darling was responsible for sparing casualties in his unit and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from New Jersey.

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 Calvin F Finn, 0315843, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain William L Haley Jr, 0394185, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 13 September 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Captain William J McAllen, 0322745, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain James W McIntyre, 01015763, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 12 September 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Robert E Philbeck, 0293430, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 to 28 July 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Captain Forrest A Rowell Jr, 0397634, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 1 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Chaplain (Captain) Alfred H Stone, 0541274 (then first lieutenant), United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Chaplain (Captain) Herman V Tarpley, 0540977, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 13 September 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Michael Hanna, 01325567 (then second lieutenant), 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. Lieutenant Hanna led the First Platoon, Company C, * * * Infantry, and was advancing at the front of his men when he received a severe wrist wound. Despite loss of blood and an increasingly weakening condition, he refused evacuation and insisted upon first returning to his platoon, which was then being subjected to intense enemy fire of all types. Returning to the front lines, he withdrew the platoon, reorganized it, and only after having checked the situation thoroughly with his platoon sergeant, and assuring himself that he could do nothing further at that time would he permit himself to be evacuated. The leadership displayed by Lieutenant Hanna, his devotion to duty regardless of his injury, and his zeal for the success of his platoon, reflect credit upon his character as an officer, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Donald F Lenhard, 01017785, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 2 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Carl F Maples, 0497326, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 17 September 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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First Lieutenant Clyde S Smith, 01174145, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 12 September 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

First Lieutenant Keith L Winger, 01010580, 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. The * * * Tank Battalion made an assault in the direction of * * * on 11 August, to aid in the relief of a battalion of the * * * Infantry Division which had been isolated in the vicinity of Hill Number 317. Lieutenant Winger, a platoon leader, led one of the platoons in the assault which consisted of three waves of five tanks each. During the operation, eleven of these tanks were immobilized, but disregarding the fact that the advance of his tank was under full enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and antitank fire, Lieutenant Winger proceeded on his mission and not only reached the objective, but pursued the enemy into the hills beyond. Lieutenant Winger, together with the other three remaining tanks, then held his gains until the arrival of a relief unit the following morning. Lieutenant Winger's devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant Cloud G Carter, 01175067, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 12 September 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant Samuel G O'Brien, 0526656, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 13 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Walter H Webb, 01180087, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 August 1944. In the operation against * * *, Lieutenant Webb, a member of the * * * Field Artillery Battalion attached to the * * * Infantry Regiment, accompanied by two enlisted men, was with the point of lead infantry approaching a river bank. Having established an operations post in an area subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire from the opposite bank of the river, Lieutenant Webb remained at this dangerous position throughout the night, in order to call fire directions to his artillery unit. Lieutenant Webb's tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty resulted in the silencing of enemy artillery and materially contributed to the capture of the City of * * * . Entered military service from California.

Master Sergeant Harold E McDermott, 20759780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 17 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Harold J Brohammer, 20725745, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Robert L Fowler, 20723530 (then staff 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, on 18 July 1944. Sergeant Fowler, a platoon guide, assumed command of his platoon after it had suffered heavy casualties in an attack against enemy strong points near * * * , France. He quickly reorganized the unit and coordinated an effective fire fight, continuously exposed himself to aimed enemy fire to insure that his troops were operating with maximum efficiency, and succeeded in repulsing a strong enemy counterattack, thereby enabling his company to resume its advance. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Steve Kovacs Jr, 35392478, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 19 June to 21 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Earl R Wolf, 37002234, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Benjamin W Hackman, 35100331, 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. The * * * Tank Battalion made an assault in the direction of * * * on 11 August, to aid in the relief of a battalion of the * * * Infantry Division which had been isolated in the vicinity of Hill Number 317. Sergeant Hackman, a tank commander, commanded one of the tanks in the assault which consisted of three waves of five tanks each. During the operation, eleven of these tanks were immobilized, but disregarding the fact that the advance of his tank was under full enemy observation and subjected to intense enemy artillery and antitank fire, Sergeant Hackman proceeded on his mission and not only reached the objective, but pursued the enemy into the hills beyond. Sergeant Hackman, together with the other three remaining tanks, then held his gains until the arrival of a relief unit the following morning. Sergeant Hackman's devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant William E Hubbard, 35321242, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 19 June to 21 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant John H Riesdorph, 6671044 (then sergeant), 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. The enemy launched a counterattack in the area occupied by a light machine gun section of Company L, * * * Infantry. Sergeant Reisdorph observed the approach of the enemy from an exposed position, held his fire until an enemy half-track vehicle leading the assault neared his position, then directed fire of his machine gun with devastating effect, putting the enemy half-track out of action and inflicting heavy casualties among foot soldiers following the vehicle. During this encounter his section became separated from the battalion, and he personally reconnoitered a route through enemy-held territory and led his section to safety without casualties. The courage, tenacity of purpose, zealous devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Riesdorph, reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant John W Schowengerdt, 37144899, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant William A Smith, 20606945, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 31 August 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant William J Story, 37006052, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Chester R Hart, 37221218, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 6 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Charley C Myrick, 35506443 (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, 11 August 1944. During an attack against strongly defended positions near * * * , a wounded man lay exposed to intense enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Myrick, a machine gun squad leader, left his covered position, crawled to the wounded soldier and dragged him to a position accessible to medical aid personnel. Sergeant Myrick's disregard for personal safety saved a wounded comrade from further injury and possible death and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fourth Grade Philip F Yerxa, 36193898, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 August 1944. In the operation against * * * , Technician Yerxa, in the company of an officer and another enlisted man, was with the point of lead infantry to the river bank where

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he assisted in the establishment of an artillery operations post. Having located enemy gun emplacements which were heavily shelling the operations post from the opposite bank of the river, Technician Yerxa remained there throughout the night, assisting the officer in calling fire directions to the artillery, as a result of which enemy artillery was silenced. Technician Yerxa's courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Willie L Johnson, 35490974, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 6 September 1944. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Corporal Lynden T McDonnell, 36561460 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth L Drum, 6933942, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 31 July 1944. Technician Drum, a lineman, was with the forward observation post of Company I, Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, when the observer's telephone and radio became unserviceable. Voluntarily exposing himself to enemy fire, Technician Drum crossed open terrain and succeeded in delivering information to the liaison officer at fire direction center, as a result of which artillery support enabled the infantry to continue its advance. Technician Drum's devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Haywood Nolan, 35471539, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 August 1944. Technician Nolan, a radio operator with forward observers, was assigned the duty of maintaining communications with the fire direction center. When four enemy antiaircraft and automatic weapons positions and two enemy tanks directed their fire upon the observer's party, Technician Nolan, disregarding personal safety, remained at his post in order to maintain communications, as a result of which our concentrated artillery fire destroyed the enemy position. Technician Nolan's devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class George C Evernham, 32609359, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private First Class Vincent C Gernentz, 37097028, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Sam H Menefee, 38090207, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 31 July 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Ralph Waggoner, 35597817, 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, 10 September 1944. When elements of the * * * Infantry crossed the * * * River, the enemy subjected them to fire of such intensity as to cause numerous casualties, who returned to the battalion command post seeking medical attention. Since medical officers were on the opposite side of the river, Private Waggoner, a surgical technician, alone and unaided, undertook treatment of the wounded. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire falling about the command post, Private Waggoner remained with his patients, and when the command post was forced back, he continued treating the wounded until all had received attention. Private Waggoner's devotion to duty, his zeal and tenacity of purpose, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Kenneth G Walther, 32726465, 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 July 1944. In the operation against * * * , Private Walther, an ammunition bearer, Company H, * * * Infantry,

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was wounded while carrying ammunition across a hedgerow to his machine gun position. Despite his wound, he refused medical attention in order to continue making numerous trips across the hedgerow with additional ammunition, as a result of which action, accomplished under heavy enemy fire, his gun position was enabled to succeed in its mission. Private Walther's zeal for the success of his unit, his personal courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Norman E Kleiner, 36561649, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Alton J Trahan, 38519001, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 to 17 July 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Orville L Whaley, 16036418, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 August 1944. In the operation against * * * , Private Whaley, in the company of an officer and another enlisted man, was with the point of lead infantry to the river bank where he assisted in the establishment of an artillery operations post. Having located enemy gun emplacements which were heavily shelling the operations post from the opposite bank of the river, Private Whaley remained there throughout the night, assisting the officer in calling fire directions to the artillery, as a result of which enemy artillery was silenced. Private Whaley's courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

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 John H Riesdorph, 6671044 (then sergeant), 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. During the final assault on * * * , Sergeant Reisdorph reconnoitered ahead of advancing infantry in search of positions for his section. While so engaged he was seriously wounded, but managed to make his way back to his section and advise his assistant leader of advantageous position sites ahead, before permitting himself to be evacuated. The courage, tenacity of purpose, zealous devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety on the part of Sergeant Reisdorph reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

VI — AIR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Major James N Davidson, 0294017, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 9 July to 22 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Major Davidson distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thrity-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissnace, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Major Davidson in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant Russell H Willer, 01182486, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 10 June to 21 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Willer distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Willer in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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VII — AIR 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 Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man of this command:

Captain Franklin J Downing, 01173590, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, during the period 3 August to 12 September 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Captain Downing distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of fire direction and front line reconnaissance. The meritorious achievement of Captain Downing in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned contributed materially to the efficiency of the Artillery. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089 (then second lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, during the period 22 July to 2 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Nevenzel distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of fire direction and front line reconnaissance. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Nevenzel in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned contributed materially to the efficiency of the Artillery. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Billie J Pemberton, 20812635, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, during the period 29 July to 25 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Sergeant Pemberton distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of fire direction and front line reconnaissance. The meritorious achievement of Sergeant Pemberton in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned contributed materially to the efficiency of the Artillery. Entered military service from Texas.

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