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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 enlisted man:

Private First Class John E Tahany, 32799901, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 14 July 1944. When the regular radio operator of his company was wounded, Private Tahany assumed operation of the portable radio and accompanied the commanding officer, a platoon leader and a platoon sergeant through heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire which wounded the commanding officer and the platoon leader, leaving the platoon sergeant uninjured. The same burst, at close range, severely wounded Private Tahany, but despite the severity of his wounds which resulted a few moments later in his death, Private Tahany called to his comrades to form a line to return the enemy fire and cover the withdrawal of the platoon sergeant. With a last effort, he returned to the safety of his own lines the radio to which he had clung and over which was made the call that brought artillery fire to destroy the enemy positions. Private Tahany's devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety, his personal bravery and gallant actions, reflect upon him the highest credit, and merit him a deserved place in the annals of fighting infantrymen. Entered military service from New York.

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 enlisted men of this command:

Staff Sergeant Walter A Hefner, 20720893, Cavalry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, 22 August 1944. In reconnoitering for the advance of the * * * Combat Team near * * *, the First Platoon, * * * Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, was subjected to heavy machine gun fire at a point near a canal, the bridge over which had been demolished. Having located the enemy emplacement, and determined that the mission of his unit be accomplished, Sergeant Hefner, a platoon sergeant, crawled to the canal, and, swimming across it under enemy observation, machine gun and grenade fire, reached the other side. Under cover of available undergrowth, he maneuvered into position behind the strongpoint and threw several grenades into the emplacement, whereupon six enemy soldiers left the position and surrendered to him. After destroying the enemy gun, Sergeant Hefner returned with his prisoners. The heroic actions of Sergeant Hefner constitute such gallantry in action as to reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Paul W Clayton, 14063977, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, 16 August 1944. On the morning of 16 August, despite clear weather, flat terrain and direct enemy 20mm fire, Private Clayton, an ammunition bearer, volunteered to go forward as observer for his mortar section. He crawled forward and successfully directed fire which destroyed two enemy 20mm guns and an enemy ammunition dump. Private Clayton was wounded during the course of the afternoon, but remained at his post until darkness. His gallant actions and disregard for personal welfare or safety were an inspiration to members of his section, and assisted materially in the capture of * * * by our forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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:

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Technical Sergeant George A Puskas, 36119337, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, 15 to 23 August 1944. On 15-16 August, Sergeant Puskas, a platoon sergeant of intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, led his group in its mission of screening the unprotected flank of Task Force "S" advancing from * * * to seize * * * . His aggressiveness and efficiency in leading his unit materially facilitated not only the task force's move of over one hundred miles in approximately twenty-four hours for the capture of its objective, but, on 20 August, on a similar mission, were factors in enabling an armored group to move seventy miles and capture its objective in less than twelve hours. On 23 August, while leading his group, it was inadvertently attacked by friendly aircraft. In the first of three separate strafings, Sergeant Puskas was severely wounded, but admonished his men to stay under cover rather than come to his assistance. He later died of his wounds. The aggressive leadership of Sergeant Puskas, his devotion to duty and to his comrades, reflect great credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant David A Goodell, 20724753, 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. Sergeant Goodell assumed command of his mortar section after his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties. His consistently accurate fire direction enabled the company to accomplish its mission and occupy its objective on Hill Number 310 with a minimum of casualties. When Sergeant Goodell then went forward to report to his company commander, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence E Landwehr, 37070366, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, France, 31 July 1944. When an intense concentration of enemy fire forced his platoon to withdraw, leaving two wounded men lying exposed to further injury and possible death, Sergeant Landwehr, a squad leader, disregarding the enemy fire, and assisted by two other enlisted men, improvised a litter, crossed the dangerous terrain and evacuated the wounded men. The initiative, courage and resourcefulness of Sergeant Landwehr reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Vivian F Hoover, 37145006, 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. After personally reconnoitering several routes in order to reach the forward slope of Hill Number 310, where his squad had been assigned the mission of establishing an outpost, Sergeant Hoover found that the only available route was exposed to direct enemy artillery fire. He chose to be the first to use the route, and was mortally wounded by enemy shell fire as he neared his objective. His leadership ability, courage and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie B Vennard, 6858853, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Everett P Dabbs, 36052641, 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 11 August 1944. Private Dabbs was a member of a wire team assigned the mission of establishing communications between the command posts of the * * * Infantry and the * * * Infantry, scheduled to launch a coordinated attack against the enemy the following morning. Despite the fact that the exact location of the * * * Infantry Command Post was not known, and that little information was available concerning disposition of enemy troops in the intervening area, the wire team succeeded in reaching its objective. While returning to the * * * Infantry Command Post, laying telephone wire, the wire team was attacked by enemy aircraft. Acting with disregard for personal safety, they continued on their mission and succeeded in completing the communications system on schedule. His courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Private First Class Lawrence G Pearce, 37189235, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 17 July 1944. When front-line platoons of his company became exposed on their right flanks, Private Pearce voluntarily went forward through enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to establish contact with the front-line platoons and to determine where support was needed, so that he would be enabled to guide into position the two squads ordered to cover the exposed flanks. He then guided the two squads into position, but while returning from the successful completion of his mission, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. The devotion to duty displayed by Private Pearce, his disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose, reflect great credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Iowa.

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:

Brigadier General Theodore L Futch, 08572, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 9 to 15 September 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from North Carolina.

Lieutenant Colonel John B Canada, 0259867, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 to 15 September 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard G Chadwick, 0245002, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel Millard W Hall, 0245542, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Lieutenant Colonel John A Meredith, 0282310, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 23 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Lieutenant Colonel Carl E Williamson, 0303846, Judge Advocate General's Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Major Richard R Coffin, 0351289, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Major Maurice R Hubbard, 0361886, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Major Clarence R Wood, 0385227, General Staff Corps (Infantry), United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Jesse G Beattie, 0465081, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * River, France, 11 September 1944. Having established a forward observation post on the west bank of the * * * River on the night of 10 September upon orders of the battalion commander, Captain Beattie remained at his post all during the following day, amid heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire which attempted to thwart a crossing of the river by the * * * Infantry Regiment then being supported by the * * * Field Artillery Battalion, assisted by the * * * Field Artillery Battalion. Despite the determined heavy enemy fire, Captain Beattie continued to adjust fire, maintain communication and forward valuable S-2 information without interruption. Captain Beattie's disregard for personal safety, his devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as an officer, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Captain Charles W Bothwell Jr, 0375976, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, on 9 August 1944. In an engagement with the enemy near * * * , several enemy machine guns emplaced in a group of buildings were hampering the advance of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry. Captain Bothwell, commanding Company L, led his men across more than three hundred yards of open ground under enemy observation and fire, in approaching the enemy stronghold, and so skillfully employed them, that they destroyed the enemy weapons without suffering casualties. As a result of this action, the battalion was enabled to continue its advance. The aggressive leadership of Captain Bothwell, his tactical skill and personal courage, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Joseph J Cacioppo, 0338191, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Captain George W Cumming, 0391201, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * River, France, 10 to 11 September 1944. On 10 September, upon the order of the battalion commander, Captain Cumming directed the establishment of battery forward observation posts near the * * * River. His further instructions were to maintain constant communication between these posts and the * * * Field Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center at all costs. Under heavy enemy fire, Captain Cumming personally supervised the stringing of communication wire, but shortly after dawn, 11 September, intense enemy artillery fire disrupted the communication system. Realizing the vital need for communication, Captain Cumming entered the zone of enemy artillery impact on six occasions, personally repairing defective wires in order to continue battalion communications. Captain Cumming's personal courage, his resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from California.

Captain John A Kapstein, 0511180, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 31 July to 3 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Captain John F Larsell, 0517819, (then first lieutenant), Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 17 September 1944. Entered military service from Oregon.

Captain Edward G Raff, 01171321, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 10 and 11 September 1944. Captain Raff, from a forward observation post on high ground west of the * * * River, adjusted artillery fire in support of an assault crossing of the river by the * * * Infantry, with excellent results. He remained at his post throughout the day despite continuous enemy shelfire, and adjusted fires, maintained communications and forwarded information without interruption. His courage, devotion to duty and accurate fire direction were contributing factors in the success of the battalion mission. Entered military service from California.

Captain Joseph H Shepard, 0464283, Medical Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Charles A Shubert, 0465114, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic serice in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 10 and 11 September 1944. Captain Shubert, from a forward observation post on high ground west of the * * * River, accurately adjusted artillery fire in support of an assault crossing of the river by the * * * Infantry, despite heavy enemy fire of all types. When he was finally forced to withdraw because of intense and accurate enemy artillery fire directed at his position, Captain Shubert went on to establish another observation post in the area, continued to adjust fire with excellent results, and at the same time maintained communications and forwarded information without interruption. His courage, tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Captain Elwyn W Smith, 01103936, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 14 September 1944. When Captain Smith led a reconnaissance patrol composed of another officer and four enlisted men near * * * , he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge, and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Captain Smith immediately deployed his group, set up two machine guns on high ground, to the left and right of the bridge, then delivered such intense fire that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. Captain Smith and his group then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river, which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. His leadership ability, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Captain Walker H Smith, 01290678, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Boyd N Healey, 0465251, 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, 17 September 1944. Lieutenant Healey, leader of a tank destroyer platoon attached to the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, led his tank destroyers through heavy enemy fire of all types, into the town of * * *, France, neutralized enemy forces in the center of the town, and eliminated a road block. His prompt, decisive, courageous and skillful employment of his platoon enabled the infantry battalion to capture the town and considerable materiel, with minimum losses. Entered military service from Utah.

First Lieutenant Calvin E Jones, 01174608, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Second Lieutenant Allan G Dingwall Jr, 01180875, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 18 September 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Stanley H Detweiler, 18070339, 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 and 12 August 1944. Sergeant Detweiler, acting platoon leader, led his platoon in an attack against strongly defended enemy positions before * * *. He maintained complete control and skillfully directed employment of his platoon to ensure maximum effectiveness, although he was exposed to aimed enemy small arms fire and to heavy mortar and artillery fire. He was seriously wounded during this action. Sergeant Detweiler's inspiring leadership and utter disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technical Sergeant Vern H McCartney Jr, 37036547, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Eugene F Winicker, 35337015, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 June to 26 September 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Clarence E Ainsworth, 37002239, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 10 and 11 September 1944. Sergeant Ainsworth displayed a high order of courage, initiative and resourcefulness in the selection of a site for a forward artillery observation post, preparation of instruments and maintenance of communications, despite heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and machine gun fire falling in the immediate vicinity. When forced to withdraw from this position, he repeated his efforts in establishing another observation post in the area. Sergeant Ainsworth's coolness under fire, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Frank Buchholz, 6621191, 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 11 August 1944. Sergeant Buchholz was a member of a wire team assigned the mission of establishing communications between the command posts of the * * * Infantry and the * * * Infantry, scheduled to launch a coordinated attack against the enemy the following morning. Despite the fact that the exact location of the * * * Infantry Command Post was not known, and that little information was available concerning disposition of enemy troops in the intervening area, the wire team succeeded in reaching its objective. While returning to the * * * Infantry Command Post, laying telephone wire, the wire team was attacked by enemy aircraft. Acting with disregard for personal safety, they continued on their mission and succeeded in completing the communication system on schedule. His courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Clyde L Haas, 37070652, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Orval W Johnson, 39676869, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 and 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Idaho.

Staff Sergeant Edmund Stone, 32215948 (then corporal), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 13 July 1944. In the operation against * * * , on 13 July, Sergeant Stone, serving as Instrument Corporal, First Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, Company H * * * Infantry, manned a heavy machine gun supporting the advance of riflemen. When the rifle company withdrew, Sergeant Stone remained at his position well ahead of the riflemen, and for nineteen hours, continued to fire his weapon and throw grenades at the enemy who were, at one time, but fifty yards from him. Under cover of darkness, he returned to his own lines, doing so under the machine gun fire of both friendly and enemy troops. The devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant Stone, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Ernest M Williams, 32234733, Infantry, 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. Sergeant Williams, a squad leader, assisted in administering first aid to two of his company officers who were seriously wounded during an enemy artillery barrage, then sent for litter-bearers. Upon learning that litter-bearers were unavailable, Sergeant Williams, aided by two other enlisted men, carried the two wounded officers a distance of more than eight hundred yards through hedgerow terrain, and under enemy fire of all types, to an aid station. The courageous actions of Sergeant Williams resulted in saving the lives of two officers. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Robert L Chesney, 32797020, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 14 September 1944. Sergeant Chesney was a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol together with two officers and three other enlisted men near * * * , when he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge, and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Sergeant Chesney and another enlisted man deployed to the right of the bridge, while the other members of the patrol set up machine guns on high ground to the left and right of the bridge, then delivered such effective fire that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. The patrol then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. His courageous actions, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

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Sergeant Joe F Chmelka, 37262084, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Ernest H Erickson, 37302648, 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 11 September 1944. Sergeant Erickson and another enlisted man, members of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, * * * Infantry, reconnoitered well forward of our lines and, in the face of heavy enemy fire, succeeded in locating suitable routes for the regimental crossing of the * * * River. Sergeant Erickson's courageous actions, thoroughness and exceptionally fine reconnaissance work were largely responsible for the successful completion of the river crossing by the * * * Infantry with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Richard M Feit, 32334716 (then corporal), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, France, 31 July 1944. When an intense concentration of enemy fire forced his platoon to withdraw, leaving two wounded men lying exposed to further injury and possible death, Sergeant Feit, a rifleman, disregarding the enemy fire, and assisted by two other enlisted men, improvised a litter, crossed the dangerous terrain and evacuated the wounded men. The initiative, courage and resourcefulness of Sergeant Feit, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Stephen E Nicholas, 7084548, 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 11 September 1944. Sergeant Nicholas, a wireman, accompanied by another noncommissioned officer, traversed open ground exposed to heavy concentrations of aimed enemy fire, and located and repaired a break in vital communication lines, thereby enabling the battalion commander to continue direction of an assault crossing of the * * * River. Sergeant Nicholas' courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Paul Opsatnik, 7024495, 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. On the evening of 9 August, Sergeant Opsatnik directed fire of his mortar section so skillfully from a position exposed to hostile observation and heavy enemy fire, that a sharp counterattack by determined enemy forces was repelled with heavy losses to the enemy. Sergeant Opsatnik's courage, skill and devotion to duty enabled his company to maintain its position in this important sector of the front, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Francis M Tripp, 20734354, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 15 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Elwin L Wright, 32747208, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 14 September 1944. Sergeant Wright was a member of an engineer reconnaissance partol together with two officers and three other enlisted men near * * *, when he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Sergeant Wright and another enlisted man deployed to the right of the bridge, while the other members of the patrol set up machine guns on high ground to the left and right of the bridge, then delivered such effective fire that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. The patrol then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. The courageous actions, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon Sergeant Wright's character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Arly L Phillips, 20734340, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Corporal Ray H Rawlings, 20725208, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * River, 12 September 1944. After Company L and its supporting unit, Company M both * * * Infantry, had crossed the * * * River on 12 September, their inter-communication was disrupted. The supporting unit was without knowledge of the positions of friendly or enemy troops. Corporal Rawlings, and another enlisted man, volunteered to establish contact with the supported unit. Traversing a dense wooded area, and crossing three hundred yards of open high ground, he located Company L and returned over the same route with vital information, and with three enemy prisoners. The courageous actions of Corporal Rawlings enabled the supporting company to fire upon enemy targets effectively, and spared casualties among friendly troops. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade William F Ague, 32745905, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 14 September 1944. When Technician Ague was a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol together with two officers and three other enlisted men near * * * , he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River, where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge, and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Technician Ague and one of the officers set up a machine gun on the left side of the bridge, while the other officer and an enlisted man set up a machine gun on the right side of the bridge and the two remaining soldiers deployed as riflemen. They delivered such effective fire that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. The patrol then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. His courageous actions, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Clements J Betzen, 20723973, 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 11 September 1944. Technician Betzen, a wireman, accompanied by another noncommissioned officer, traversed open ground exposed to heavy concentrations of aimed enemy fire, and located and repaired a break in vital communication lines, thereby enabling the battalion commander to continue direction of an assault crossing of the * * * River. Technician Betzen's courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade John M Bungard, 6931092, 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 11 August 1944. Technician Bungard was a member of a wire team assigned the mission of establishing communications between the command posts of the * * * Infantry and the * * * Infantry, scheduled to launch a coordinated attack against the enemy the following morning. Despite the fact that the exact location of the * * * Infantry Command Post was not known, and that little information was available concerning disposition of enemy troops in the intervening area, the wire team succeeded in reaching its objective. While returning to the * * * Infantry Command Post, laying telephone wire, the wire team was attacked by enemy aircraft. Acting with disregard for personal safety, they continued on their mission and succeeded in completing the communication system on schedule. His courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade William S Davis, 34664260, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at * * * , France, 19 September 1944. Technician Davis volunteered to drive a lone tank into * * * , where infantry was then pinned down, for an after-dark attack. Under unusually adverse conditions, the mission of the single tank was to be extremely hazardous. Upon entering the town, the tank had its turret hatch blown off and the officer in command wounded, but the tank succeeded in destroying numerous enemy-occupied buildings. The daring and skillful operation of his armored vehicle by Technician Davis contributed toward the breaking of enemy resistance, as a result of which the infantry was relieved and the town captured. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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Technician Fifth Grade Stanley J Delgado, 39013771, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 14 September 1944. Technician Delgado was a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol together with two officers and three other enlisted men near * * *, when he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River, where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge, and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Technician Delgado and one of the officers set up a machine gun on the right side of the bridge, while the other officer and an enlisted man set up a machine gun on the left side of the bridge, and the two remaining soldiers deployed as riflemen. They delivered such effective fire that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. The patrol then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. His courageous actions, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade William F Hughes, 38084406 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward M Norwood Sr, 33639926 (then private first class), Medical Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service 11 and 12 July and from 5 to 20 August 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas F Peacock, 34684624, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin E Snead, 39392645, Medical Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 2 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class John M Beving, 37111354, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Aulcye R Boyd, 34663295, 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 11 August 1944. Private Boyd was a member of a wire team assigned the mission of establishing communications between the command posts of the * * * Infantry and the * * * Infantry, scheduled to launch a coordinated attack against the enemy the following morning. Despite the fact that the exact location of the * * * Infantry Command Post was not known, and that little information was available concerning the disposition of enemy troops in the intervening area, the wire team succeeded in reaching its objective. While returning to the * * * Infantry Command Post, laying telephone wire, the wire team was attacked by enemy aircraft. Acting with disregard for personal safety, they continued on their mission and succeeded in completing the communication system on schedule. The courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety of Private Boyd reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Walter F Cooney, 35033371, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Wilbur H Dow, 20726394, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 11 July 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Steve L Elkins, 37070493, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Lewis J Krail, 18026732 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class Thomas E Kurr, 36421350, Infantry, 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. In the absence of litter-bearers, Private Kurr, a gunner in a mortar section, accompanied by two other enlisted men, went to the aid of two officers lying wounded in an open field subjected to heavy enemy fire of all types, and carried them a distance of more than eight hundred yards through hedgerow terrain to an aid station. The courageous action of Private Kurr resulted in saving the lives of two officers, and reflects credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Robert Levinsohn, 32780736, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. Private Levinsohn remained at his mortar position in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, and, firing his mortar alone with great effectiveness, materially assisted in repulsing an enemy counterattack that over-ran one platoon position and endangered the entire company position. This display of personal courage, devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose, reflects credit upon Private Levinsohn's character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Arnold H Link, 37144320, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Dell Logan, 39089278, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Theodore R Matteson, 38190979, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 10 August 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Eugene M McDermont, 39384620 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 1 August 1944. When a platoon of one of the attacking companies of his battalion became isolated by enemy action, Private McDermont, a scout, voluntarily entered enemy territory under heavy enemy fire and located the platoon. Returning to his command post, he informed the intelligence section of the platoon's position and the number and type of enemy troops. Private McDermont made three such trips under fire, during the last of which he directed the safe withdrawal of the platoon. The courage, initiative and disregard for personal safety of Private McDermont, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Oregon.

Private First Class Richard E Moore, 35531002, 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 11 September 1944. Private Moore and another enlisted man, members of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, * * * Infantry, reconnoitered well forward of our lines and, in the face of heavy enemy fire, succeeded in locating suitable routes for the regimental crossing of the * * * River. Private Moore's courageous actions, thoroughness and exceptionally fine reconnaissance work were largely responsible for the successful completion of the river crossing by the * * * Infantry with minimum casualties. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas J Murray, 37171095, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 3 August 1944. A squad of Company I, * * * Infantry, was deployed along a road to protect the flank of the company then advancing through hedgerows, when a small enemy force attacked the squad from an advantageous point. Private Murray, an automatic rifleman, moved into an exposed position to cover the withdrawal of the squad, as a result of which action, the squad was enabled to set up a position from which it defeated the enemy force. The intrepid action of Private Murray, his disregard for personal safety and his initiative, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Private First Class Joseph D Smith, 37242196, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, 1 August 1944. Although he had received a foot wound, Private Smith went forward under fire to administer first aid and apply a tourniquet to a comrade who had lost a leg. As he reached the wounded man, Private Smith's section withdrew, but rather than leave the wounded soldier lying in the field, Private Smith, despite his own wound, lifted the wounded comrade and carried him to a place of safety. Private Smith's resourcefulness, tenacity of purpose and loyalty to his comrade, saved a fellow-soldier from further injury and possible death and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Harry J Thacker, 35226578, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 1 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Robert A Thompson, 35598901, 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. After his company had set up defensive positions upon seizure of an important hill position, Private Thompson, an acting squad leader, ably directed his squad ahead of the general defense line and played a large part in repulsing a sharp enemy counterattack. Although himself wounded, he refused evacuation and remained with his squad until the following morning. Private Thompson's courage, tenacity of purpose and disregard for personal welfare reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Herbert E Walls, 33306876, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Emery R Woolery, 37145158 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 17 August 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Harold Callahan, 34682798, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * River, 12 September 1944. After Company L and its supporting unit, Company M, both * * * Infantry, had crossed the * * * River on 12 September, their inter-communication was disrupted. The supporting unit was without knowledge of the positions of friendly or enemy troops. Private Callahan, a rifleman, and another enlisted man, volunteered to establish contact with the supported unit. Traversing a dense wooded area, and crossing three hundred yards of open high ground, he located Company L and returned over the same route with vital information and with three enemy prisoners. The courageous actions of Private Callahan enabled the supporting company to fire upon enemy targets effectively, and spared casualties among friendly troops. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Kenneth M Condon, 42022946, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Troy G Kay, 35747886, 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 11 August 1944. Private Kay was a member of a wire team assigned the mission of establishing communications between the command posts of the * * * Infantry and the * * * Infantry, scheduled to launch a coordinated attack against the enemy the following morning. Despite the fact that the exact location of the * * * Infantry Command Post was not known, and that little information was available concerning disposition of enemy troops in the intervening area, the wire team succeeded in reaching its objective. While returning to the * * * Infantry Command Post, laying telephone wire, the wire team was attacked by enemy aircraft. Acting with disregard for personal safety, they continued on their mission and succeeded in completing the communication system on schedule. His courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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Private Clarence E Marshall, 34040962, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Gabriel T Tufano, 42034006, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 20 September 1944. 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:

First Lieutenant George W Bond, 0400084, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 14 September 1944. Lieutenant Bond was a member of an engineer reconnaissance patrol with another officer and four enlisted men near * * * , when he observed enemy troops retreating to the east bank of the * * * River where they commenced to dig in, apparently intending to prevent passage of our forces across the bridge, and with a view to eventual demolition of the bridge. Lieutenant Bond and an enlisted man set up a machine gun on high ground to the left of the bridge, while the other officer and enlisted men deployed to the right of the bridge, and delivered such effective fire, that the enemy force of approximately thirty men was forced to withdraw. The patrol then held the bridge until arrival of infantry support, enabling our forces to effect an immediate crossing of the river which may otherwise have presented a serious obstacle. His leadership ability, resourcefulness and initiative reflect credit upon Lieutenant Bond's character as an officer. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant Marion C Miller, 20734641 (then corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France, 20 July 1944. During intense enemy activity, the maintenance of wire communication was extremely difficult. As the battalion commander was receiving vital enemy information from a forward post, the communication wire was broken. Sergeant Miller, a scout, assisted by another enlisted man, voluntarily located and repaired the break while subjected to heavy enemy fire. This intrepid action enabled completion of the message and concentration of artillery fire upon enemy installations, thereby contributing toward the success of the battalion mission. Sergeant Miller's initiative, resourcefulness and devotion to duty are in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Parm E Moyers, 20733559 (then corporal), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , Normandy, France, 20 July 1944. During intense enemy activity, the maintenance of wire communication was extremely difficult. As the battalion commander was receiving vital enemy information from a forward post, the communication wire was broken. Sergeant Moyers, a scout, assisted by another enlisted man, voluntarily located and repaired the break while subjected to heavy enemy fire. This intrepid action enabled completion of the message and concentration of artillery fire upon enemy installations, thereby contributing toward the success of the battalion mission. Sergeant Moyers' initiative, resourcefulness and devotion to duty are in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

VI — 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 and bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 3 to 31 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Air Observer, Lieutenant Nevenzel performed 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 Nevenzel in the outstanding performance of his missions, during the period mentioned, measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

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VII — 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 officer and enlisted men of this command, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Second Lieutenant Charles W Colgan 01590387, Quartermaster Corps	1 Sep	Maryland
Technical Sergeant Albert M Fngel 39604629, Infantry	15 Sep	Montana
Staff Sergeant Delbert Munster 39088844, Infantry	20 Sep	South Dakota
Private First Class Terence E Lockyear 6932465, Infantry	16 Sep	Nebraska
Private First Class Arthur F Sundstrom 32792463, Corps of Engineers	22 Sep	New York
Private First Class Marion L Swarts 35623548, Infantry	18 Sep	Ohio
Private James V Mantia 32797140, Corps of Engineers	22 Sep	New York
Private Arthur Marconett 37236412, Infantry	12 Sep	Kansas

VIII — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section IV, General Orders No 39, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 2 October 1944, as pertains to "Major Myron A Funk, 0360867, Field Artillery, United States Army", is rescinded.

By command of Major General BAADE:

MADDREY A SOLOMON
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