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I — 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, posthumously, to the following officer and enlisted man:

Second Lieutenant John M Diekmann, 0494648, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, on 12 September 1944. Shortly after Company L, * * * Infantry, had established a command post in a wooded area on a hill near * * * , France, a group of Germans attacked the command post. While several soldiers engaged the Germans, Lieutenant Diekmann, a platoon leader, moved out to flank the attacking force, and directed artillery fire designed to prevent further enemy penetrations into the area. All of the attacking Germans were killed or captured, and the command post secured against further attacks. Lieutenant Diekmann was mortally wounded by enemy fire during this engagement. His courage, coolness and quick thinking under harrowing circumstances are in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Thaine J Hale, 20721516, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 18 September 1944. Sergeant Hale was one of a group of eighty soldiers of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, encircled by enemy forces within the town of * * * and forced to take refuge, along with twenty prisoners they had captured, in barns. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Hale, a platoon guide, voluntarily and alone, made his way through enemy lines, met an American tank and, riding on the outside, directed the crew to the vicinity of the trapped force. Fire from this tank dispersed the enemy and provided covering fire which enabled the eighty soldiers to rejoin their units with their prisoners. Sergeant Hale was killed by fire from an enemy tank during the withdrawal from the area. His gallant actions, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety enabled a large group of his comrades-in-arms to extricate themselves from a precarious position. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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 officer of this command:

First Lieutenant William P Sheehy, 01325332, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 26 August 1944. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Sheehy, a platoon leader, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry, observed enemy troops in a field. He directed accurate long range fire upon the enemy until the enemy finally retreated into the woods. Lieutenant Sheehy then organized and led a patrol into the vicinity, and captured 42 prisoners. He directed fire upon the woods, then led a patrol therein and returned with more prisoners, and repeated this procedure until all Germans in the area had been killed or captured. The aggressive leadership, initiative, and resourcefulness of Lieutenant Sheehy resulted in the capture of 360 Germans and large quantities of war material. Entered military service from Nebraska.

III — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer, now missing in action:

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First Lieutenant James T Cecka, 01293717, 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 19 and 20 September 1944. Lieutenant Cecka, Commanding Officer, Company I, * * * Infantry, led his company in an attack which resulted in the capture of the town of * * * , France, on 19 September. Although wounded in the leg shortly after the attack started, he refused treatment or evacuation and remained in active command of his company. When enemy forces launched strong counterattacks under cover of a heavy fog on the following day, Lieutenant Cecka directed defensive artillery fire from his command post so effectively that all enemy attacks were repulsed. Lieutenant Cecka's dynamic leadership, tactical initiative and utter disregard for personal welfare or safety reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. He became missing in action in a subsequent engagement with the enemy. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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:

Captain Melvin V Fritts, 01286630, 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.

First Lieutenant Abraham R Berkson, 01310675, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, east of * * * , France, 10 September 1944. Lieutenant Berkson, S-2 of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, remained at a bridge on the * * * River despite heavy enemy fire of all types, assisting and coordinating the movements of two companies of infantry engaged in an assault crossing of the * * * River. When he was finally forced to withdraw, he went below the bridge and assisted in evacuating wounded men to a tunnel located there. Finding a seriously wounded soldier who required prompt medical attention, he aided in carrying him to the battalion aid station through the heavy concentrations of enemy fire. His coolness and resourcefulness under the most adverse conditions prove him a credit to the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant James M Cleveland, 0441464, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 14 September 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Sergeant Donald R Simmons, 20721493, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 25 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Roy S Lampe, 20720998 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 26 July to 14 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Robert G Bauman, 37002654, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Conrad W Grabowski, 38223232, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Frederick C Miller, 20726824, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Art Pflaster, 37034430, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 25 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Staff Sergeant William L Smith, 39171215, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 16 September 1944. Sergeant Smith was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Sergeant Smith's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Washington.

Technician Third Grade Alvin W Trachte, 36230324, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Robert L Deem, 35628034, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 16 September 1944. Sergeant Deem was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Sergeant Deem's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strong points on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Herbert P Desrochers, 11084887 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 10 September 1944. Sergeant Desrochers received a painful wound during an enemy counterattack in the * * * River sector. Because of the shortage of medical aid men, he refused treatment stating that many men were more seriously wounded. Despite his wounds, Sergeant Desrochers assisted battalion aid men in taking care of wounded soldiers in the vicinity, until forced to go to the aid station because of loss of blood. Even then, while returning to the aid station, he assisted two other wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station with him. The courage of Sergeant Desrochers, his disregard for personal welfare, and his unselfish assistance to medical personnel under trying circumstances, are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Vermont.

Sergeant William M Kehoe, 36771382 (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, 16 September 1944. Sergeant Kehoe was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful, and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Sergeant Kehoe's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Woodrow W Marbut, 14039506, 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, 13 September 1944. Two infantrymen riding on the rear of Sergeant Marbut's tank destroyer were wounded during an attack on an enemy pocket of resistance by an assault force composed of tanks, tank destroyers and infantry. Sergeant Marbut climbed out of the protection of his destroyer, and, while exposed to enemy fire of all types, administered first aid to the wounded men, and placed the more seriously wounded of the two in the tank destroyer. While so engaged, Sergeant Marbut was himself wounded. His courageous actions in placing the welfare of his comrades-in-arms above his personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

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Sergeant Albert L W Rogers, 37157435, 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 18 September 1944. A group of eighty soldiers of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, were encircled by the enemy in * * * , and forced to take refuge in a group of barns along with twenty Germans they had captured. One of the group made his way through enemy lines and established contact with an American tank. Sergeant Rogers, a machine gun squad leader, voluntarily manned the machine gun in the tank, in the absence of the regular gunner. The tank drove into the city, killed or dispersed the enemy, disabled a German tank which appeared on the scene, and provided covering fire which enabled the isolated group to withdraw to safety, along with their prisoners. Sergeant Rogers' courageous and efficient actions as volunteer gunner were largely responsible for the successful withdrawal of the isolated group. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Casper G Scheel Jr, 14013975, 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, on 16 August 1944. Technician Scheel was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * * , France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Technician Scheel, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Clarence E Dickmann, 37113833, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 13 September 1944. When an artillery liaison plane reported a wounded soldier lying in a position exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Corporal Dickmann, assisted by three other enlisted men, voluntarily went forward and successfully evacuated the wounded man. Corporal Dickmann's courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

Corporal William Fedorenko, 17050678, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul C McGuire, 13016936, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 13 September 1944. When an artillery liaison plane reported a wounded soldier to be lying in a position exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Technician McGuire, assisted by three other enlisted men, voluntarily went forward and successfully evacuated the wounded man. Technician McGuire's courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon F Nalley, 39264137, Signal Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Vander D Suggs, 14031256, 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, on 16 August 1944. Technician Suggs was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * * , France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Technician Suggs, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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Technician Fifth Grade Max H Tauber, 7031852, 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, on 16 August 1944. Technician Tauber was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * * , France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Technician Tauber, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard Q Veteto, 38446237, Medical Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 4 September 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Robert E Abbott, 33200407, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Abbott was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Abbott, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Wilbur E Binns, 37111529, Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 16 September 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Joseph H Canavan, 11089985, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Canavan was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Canavan, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class James H Cunningham, 34883737, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. Private Cunningham was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Private Cunningham's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Chesley E Gimlin, 37722753, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 20 September 1944. The enemy launched a counterattack led by two tanks, against the right flank of a defensive holding position established by Company K, * * * Infantry, near * * * , France. As the tanks approached under cover of a heavy fog, they were first noticed by Private Gimlin, who immediately set up his rocket-launcher in an exposed position in order to obtain a maximum field of fire, forced the enemy crew to abandon the lead tank,

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then, maintaining his position despite aimed enemy fire, commenced firing at the second tank. By this time, all members of Company K were alerted, and successfully repelled the enemy attack. Private Gimlin's prompt, courageous actions, and his utter disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Thomas J Kane Jr, 33900592, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. Private Kane was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Private Kane's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Robert V Lund, 37163851, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 13 September 1944. When an artillery liaison plane reported a wounded soldier to be lying in a position exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Lund, assisted by three other enlisted men, voluntarily went forward and successfully evacuated the wounded man. Private Lund's courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Joseph C McHale, 31070907, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. Private McHale was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Private McHale's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Harold B Morgan, 35733361, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. Private Morgan was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Private Morgan's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strong points on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Wilbur I Beard, 35017521, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Beard was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * * , France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Beard, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Stanley J Budzenski, 36146920, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Budzenski was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France.

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The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Budzenski, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private Boyd P Greason, 34304506, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Greason was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Greason, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private Theodore L Gressel, 35435812, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Gressel was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Gressel, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private Marcus D Jones, 7003888, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Jones was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Jones, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private Philip Klein, 32375158, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private Klein was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * * , France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private Klein, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private Lee J LaBorde Jr, 14031722, 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, on 16 August 1944. Private LaBorde was a member of a supply convoy engaged in hauling fuel from * * * to * * *, France. The convoy entered the village of * * * shortly after combat forces had passed through the village. Upon being informed by French civilians that numerous German soldiers were still in the village, the twelve members of the supply convoy formed a skirmish line and attacked the enemy troops, killing an undetermined number and capturing a total of seventy-five prisoners. The prompt, aggressive and decisive action on the part of Private LaBorde, acting in conjunction with the other members of the convoy, is in keeping with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Private Ernest H Loan, 33658764, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 16 September 1944. Private Loan, an aid man, traversed three hundred yards of open terrain subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, and administered first aid to a wounded soldier on the top of * * * Hill. He then retraced his route, secured the assistance of a litter-bearer and evacuated the patient. Private Loan's courageous action in placing the welfare of a wounded soldier above his personal safety reflects credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Eugene E Marcoux, 31448139, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. Private Marcoux was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of reconnoitering an area beyond the * * * River prior to a full-scale crossing by the First Battalion, * * * Infantry. The mission was singularly successful and, after working two hours in enemy territory, the patrol had ascertained the best possible route of advance for the regimental crossing, and returned with a plot of enemy positions. Private Marcoux's outstanding patrol activities enabled the battalion to effect a crossing of the * * * River with a minimum of casualties, and to surprise and overpower enemy strongpoints on the far side of the river. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private Charles M Meadors, 20457549, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 13 September 1944. When an artillery liaison plane reported a wounded soldier to be lying in a position exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Meadors, assisted by three other enlisted men, voluntarily went forward and successfully evacuated the wounded man. Private Meadors' courageous actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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 of this command:

Major Carlyle F McDannel, 0416101, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * River sector, east of * * * , France, on 10 September 1944. Shortly after the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, launched an attack designed to seize and hold a bridge over the * * * River, the enemy placed a terrific concentration of fire of all types on the area, destroyed the bridge, then counterattacked sharply. Upon receiving word of the confused situation in this area, Major McDannel, battalion executive officer, immediately went forward, assumed command, arranged for evacuation of the battalion commander who had become a casualty, then remained in the area despite continued concentrations of enemy fire, coordinating the withdrawal of the battalion to high ground west of the river. His level-headed leadership, complete disregard for personal safety, and effective coordination of action under the most harrowing of circumstances, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

VI — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section III, General Orders No 41, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 7 October 1944, as pertains to "First Lieutenant Michael P Elcano, 01169942, Field Artillery, United States Army" is rescinded.

By command of Major General BAADE:

MADDREY A SOLOMON
Colonel, G S C
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

Richard G Chadwick

RICHARD G CHADWICK
Lt Colonel, A G D
Adjutant General