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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:

Captain Theodore P Robie, 0475651, Medical Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * River sector near * * *, France, 12 September 1944. When the Second and Third Battalions, * * * Infantry, had established a bridgehead on the east bank of the * * * River, numerous casualties lay exposed to the continuing intense fire of a determined enemy advantageously situated on ground above the east bank. Captain Robie, medical officer attached to the second battalion, on duty at the battalion aid station on the west bank of the river, proceeded across the river with a four-man litter squad in order to evacuate the wounded. He made many trips across to the east bank while the river was raked by enemy fire, wading in deep water and holding the stretchers above his head in order to keep dry the stretcher-borne wounded. Captain Robie was killed in a later action. His gallantry in action, his personal courage and disregard for safety in his zealous devotion to duty, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the Medical Corps of the Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II -- SILVER STAR. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Lieutenant Colonel Albert M Butler, 0335220, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, 10 to 12 September 1944. Colonel Butler was assigned the task of establishing a bridgehead across the * * * River on 10 September 1944; in the face of fire of all types from an enemy in strong positions on the eastern bank of the river, determined to thwart a crossing by our forces. Reconnoitering well forward under enemy observation and fire, in advance of his troops, Colonel Butler reached the west bank of the river and entered a small village being shelled intermittently. After he had satisfied himself with three possible sites to effect a river crossing, he retraced his steps under cover of darkness, personally led his battalion to the river bank and deployed the companies. The following morning, Colonel Butler and the leading elements of the battalion entered boats, but were three times repelled by intense enemy fire and forced to take cover. Realizing the necessity of further reconnaissance, Colonel Butler personally covered five hundred yards of river bank and found a new bridgehead site. He then led his men across the river from this point, and so skillfully and rapidly conducted the movement, that the enemy was taken by surprise, the east bank bridgehead established and the battalion enabled to continue to its next objective. Colonel Butler's dynamic leadership, his personal courage and gallantry in action were factors of importance in breaking the enemy's * * * River line, and reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Lieutenant Colonel George T O'Connell, 0357272, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 11 September 1944. Colonel O'Connell led the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry in an assault crossing of the * * * River on 11 September 1944, in the face of heavy enemy fire of all types. He accompanied leading elements of the battalion across the river and moved along the enemy shore line with utter disregard for personal safety, establishing security positions and directing fire and movement of rifle teams.

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He then established an observation post in a position which afforded little cover from direct enemy fire, supervised movement of additional troops across the river and directed artillery fire upon enemy gun positions. Colonel O'Connell's dynamic and intrepid leadership inspired the troops under his command to their best efforts and was directly responsible for the outstanding success of the assault crossing, the rout of the enemy from prepared positions on high ground commanding the * * * River valley, and the establishment of a strong bridgehead across the river. His gallant actions reflect credit upon his ability as a leader of men, and are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Kansas.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth H Reed, 0341038, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on the * * * River, 12 September 1944. Colonel Reed personally supervised the operations and conduct of fire missions at an observation post which was subjected to heavy enemy artillery shelling. His courageous action, cool and calm conduct under most hazardous conditions was an inspiration to all present, and aided greatly in the successful establishment of a bridgehead at * * *. Colonel Reed's devotion to duty, outstanding performance, courageous action, and leadership are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Llewellyn B Cain Jr, 01287832 (then second lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 13 September 1944. Lieutenant Cain, a platoon leader, took his heavy machine gun section forward to support an attack by Company I, * * * Infantry. Just prior to the attack, Lieutenant Cain and six men of his section were wounded by shell fragments. Although seriously wounded, Lieutenant Cain refused medical aid until all his men had received treatment, then refused evacuation for fear that his weapons would not be placed in action as scheduled. He was persuaded to leave his post only after he had directed another officer, giving him full instructions as to the plan of attack and mission of his machine gun section. The gallant actions of Lieutenant Cain, his tenacity of purpose and determination that the mission of his unit be given primary consideration, regardless of his personal condition, reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Robert H Ady, 17049483, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, France, 14 September 1944. Sergeant Ady was seriously wounded by shell fragments during an enemy artillery barrage while moving his machine gun section forward in support of an attacking rifle company. Disregarding his personal condition, Sergeant Ady directed evacuation of his squad gunner who was also wounded during the barrage, picked up the tripod and led his squad forward. He selected an advantageous site, placed the machine gun in position, designated the primary and secondary targets, assigned another man as observer, and only then did he permit himself to be evacuated. The gallant actions of Sergeant Ady, and his dogged determination that his unit's mission be given first consideration, served as an inspiration to other soldiers in the area, and reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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 enlisted man, now missing in action:

Staff Sergeant Lloyd E Brown, 38445959 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 12 September 1944. Sergeant Brown, a rifleman, voluntarily carried rations, water and cigarettes to units of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, engaged in heavy fighting designed to enlarge a bridgehead on the east bank of the * * * River. Despite heavy concentrations of enemy fire, he made numerous trips to a distributing point across the river where runners of other companies would pick up the supplies. He then personally carried supplies to his own organization which was deployed on higher ground, through an area where the fire of snipers was directed at him. His courageous actions under fire contributed to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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IV -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Ernest C Lumley Jr, 01015479, Cavalry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 12 July to 24 September 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Richard A Gaines, 01175122 (then first lieutenant), 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 Pennsylvania.

Captain Thomas M Miller Jr, 0449235 (then first lieutenant), 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 Oklahoma.

Captain Elmo L Morris, 01174083 (then first lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 20 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Lieutenant Myron Linz, 0515857, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 21 and 22 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Walter W Wagner, 0385272, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Master Sergeant John S Parker, 20737831, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 22 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Sergeant Clarence R Blair, 20724294, 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 Sergeant Paul R Carstens, 20721875, 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.

First Sergeant Martin E Casey, 20734471, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Larry Fonner, 20722178, 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.

Staff Sergeant Michael Andrechak, 35393827 (then corporal), Infantry, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 25 July to 11 September 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Bill Brock, 6970105, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 17 September 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Technician Third Grade Allen S Fox, 36634474, 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 Illinois.

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Sergeant Paul S Flores, 20726732, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. In the heavy fighting in the * * * River sector near * * * , in the absence of medical aid personnel, Sergeant Flores, a rifleman, assisted by three other riflemen, voluntarily formed a litter-squad for the purpose of evacuating the wounded who were lying on the opposite bank of the * * * River. Although two other boats had been sunk by the enemy while attempting to cross the river, Sergeant Flores and his companions succeeded in crossing the river, despite the intense concentration of enemy fire upon the river, and returning with five casualties. Sergeant Flores' initiative, resourcefulness and loyalty to his wounded comrades, are attributes that make him a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Allen J Holland, 20733226, 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 Holland established a forward observation post on high ground west of the * * * River during the hours of darkness on 10 September 1944, and, despite heavy and accurate enemy artillery fire, assisted in maintaining the post on the following day. Throughout this operation, Sergeant Holland displayed commendable coolness, courage, and resourceful exercise of initiative in the organization and improvement of the position, in supervising zones of observation, and in obtaining and forwarding information to the battalion command post. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant Anthony S Sadowski, 32806812, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * River sector, near * * * , France, on 9 September 1944. Sergeant Sadowski's platoon was ferrying infantrymen of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, across the * * * River, despite heavy enemy artillery fire. After one company had crossed the river, the enemy barrage reached such proportions that operations were temporarily suspended, in the belief that the crossing site had been zeroed in by the enemy weapons. Sergeant Sadowski and two other enlisted men, realizing the need for support of the company which had reached the hostile shore, volunteered to attempt another crossing. Their assault boat received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, and Sergeant Sadowski was seriously wounded. Sergeant Sadowski's courageous determination that the success of the mission be placed above any consideration for personal welfare, reflects credit upon his military training, and is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Andrew J Riggs Jr, 34684931, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 11 July to 22 September 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade John J Waldron, 33786756, 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, 11 September 1944. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, attacked fortified enemy positions on high ground along the east bank of the * * * River, this aid man led a squad of four litter-bearers across the river into the face of heavy enemy fire. As no boats were available, this litter squad evacuated eleven wounded soldiers by wading across the river, carrying the stretchers parallel with the current and holding them above their heads. The courageous actions of Technician Waldron in the face of enemy fire reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Dean G Bisher, 37428154, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 10 September 1944. The Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, encountered strong enemy opposition and suffered many casualties during an attack designed to seize a bridge over the * * * River east of * * * , France. Corporal Bisher, a scout, was directed to go to the rear for a rest, as he had been in the thick of the fighting since the beginning of the attack. Because of the precariousness of the battalion situation, Corporal Bisher declined to leave, and worked throughout the night as liaison and guide between units of the battalion. He gathered together lost and wounded men and guided them to a place of safety. He then took steps to get lost men back to their organizations, and sought out aid men for the wounded. Corporal Bisher's tireless adherence to duty and his continued determination to be of assistance during a chaotic period and while the area was subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire of all types, prove him a credit to his military training. Entered military service from Iowa.

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Corporal John R Greene, 36879730, 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. Corporal Greene, a radio operator, assisted in establishing a forward observation post for his battery along high ground west of the * * * River. He displayed a high order of initiative in the preparation of instruments and maintenance of communications. He observed concentrations of enemy troops attempting to retreat, and transmitted this information to the fire direction center. The resultant adjustment of artillery fire caused heavy losses among the enemy formations. Throughout this operation, despite enemy artillery fire directed at the observation post, Corporal Greene performed his duties efficiently and without regard for personal safety. His actions contributed to the success of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Michigan.

Corporal Clarence C Howell, 34701647, 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 Alabama.

Corporal Rocco J Margagliotti, 32798627, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, near * * *, France, on 9 September 1944. Corporal Margagliotti's platoon was ferrying infantrymen of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, across the * * * River, despite heavy enemy artillery fire. After one company had crossed the river, the enemy barrage reached such proportions that operations were temporarily suspended, in the belief that the crossing site had been zeroed in by the enemy weapons. Corporal Margagliotti and two other enlisted men, realizing the need for support of the company which had reached the hostile shore, volunteered to attempt another crossing. Their assault boat received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, and Corporal Margagliotti was seriously wounded. Corporal Margagliotti's courageous determination that the success of the mission be placed above any consideration for personal welfare reflects credit upon his military training and is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal James H Short, 34701851, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Calvin L Stephens, 34364751, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. Corporal Stephens was a member of a mortar section which was given a mission of firing upon enemy positions to the front at a time when the section was being subjected to heavy and accurate enemy artillery fire. Despite the heavy fire, and the reluctance of other members of the section to leave the protection of their foxholes, Corporal Stephens, accompanied by his commanding officer, immediately went forward and commenced firing his mortar with good effect, thereby supplying the incentive for other soldiers to leave their covered positions and open fire with the other mortar. Corporal Stephens' disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty served as an inspiration for the members of his mortar section, and prove him a credit to his military training. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles P Dagenet, 20760230, 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 Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Adam S Macek, 32988480, 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 New York.

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Private First Class Rudolph J Derganc, 35914135, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. In the heavy fighting in the * * * River sector near * * * , in the absence of medical aid personnel, Private Derganc, a rifleman, assisted by three other riflemen, voluntarily formed a litter squad for the purpose of evacuating the wounded who were lying on the opposite bank of the * * * River. Although two other boats had been sunk by the enemy while attempting to cross the river, Private Derganc and his companions succeeded in crossing the river despite the intense concentration of enemy fire upon the river, and returning with five casualties. Private Derganc's initiative, resourcefulness and loyalty to his wounded comrades, are attributes that make him a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Richard G Flores, 38349954, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. In the heavy fighting in the * * * River sector, near * * * , in the absence of medical aid personnel, Private Flores, a rifleman, assisted by three other riflemen, voluntarily formed a litter squad for the purpose of evacuating the wounded who were lying on the opposite bank of the * * * River. Although two other boats had been sunk by the enemy while attempting to cross the river, Private Flores and his companions succeeded in crossing the river despite the intense concentration of enemy fire upon the river, and in returning with five casualties. Private Flores' initiative, resourcefulness and loyalty to his wounded comrades, are attributes that make him a credit to the military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Private Howard E Hobbs, 33521860, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. In the heavy fighting in the * * * River sector near * * * , in the absence of medical aid personnel, Private Hobbs, a rifleman, assisted by three other riflemen, voluntarily formed a litter squad for the purpose of evacuating the wounded who were lying on the opposite bank of the * * * River. Although two other boats had been sunk by the enemy while attempting to cross the river, Private Hobbs and his companions succeeded in crossing the river despite the intense concentration of enemy fire upon the river, and returning with five casualties. Private Hobbs' initiative, resourcefulness and loyalty to his wounded comrades, are attributes that make him a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private Edmond C LaSalle, 39139716, Medical Department, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 18 and 19 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Private Everett H Roper, 38428864, 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. Private Roper, a radio operator, assisted in establishing a forward observation post for his battery on high ground west of the * * * River, during the hours of darkness on 10 September 1944. Throughout the following day he worked unceasingly, improving the position and maintaining communications despite heavy and accurate concentrations of enemy artillery fire. His commendable display of courage, coolness and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect credit upon his military training and contributed to the success of his unit during this operation. Entered military service from Texas.

Private Edward Stone, 15044132, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * River sector, near * * * , France, on 9 September 1944. Private Stone's platoon was ferrying infantrymen of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, across the * * * River, despite heavy enemy artillery fire. After one company had crossed the river, the enemy barrage reached such proportions that operations were temporarily suspended, in the belief that the crossing site had been zeroed in by the enemy weapons. Private Stone and two other enlisted men, realizing the need for support of the company which had reached the hostile shore, volunteered to attempt another crossing. Their assault boat received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell, and Private Stone was seriously wounded. Private Stone's courageous determination that the success of the mission be placed above any consideration for personal welfare, reflects credit upon his military training, and is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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V -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. 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:

First Lieutenant Michael P Elcano, 01169942, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 17 September 1944. Entered military service from Nevada.

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

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 22 September 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

VI -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Hugh T Barber Jr, 0551951, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 31 July to 10 September 1944. While serving as artillery liaison pilot, Lieutenant Barber distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Barber in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

2. 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 and enlisted man of this command:

First Lieutenant Donald W Foe, 01172004, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 29 August to 27 September 1944. While serving as artillery liaison observer, Lieutenant Foe distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Foe in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Billie J Pemberton, 20812635, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 26 August to 20 September 1944. While serving as artillery liaison pilot, Sergeant Pemberton distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Sergeant Pemberton in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Texas.

VII -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section IV, General Orders 35, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 22 September 1944, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Walter J Heidebrink, 37034652, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

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