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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 enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant Charles F Salisbury, 17054140, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, on 12 September 1944. During the assault crossing of the * * * River by the * * * Infantry, Sergeant Salisbury deployed his squad in a defensive position on the hostile shore to protect the flank of Company G. It was imperative that the boat in which his squad made the crossing be returned to the other shore for use by supporting units. Heavy concentrations of enemy fire were being placed upon the river in the vicinity of the crossing site, and Sergeant Salisbury elected to make the crossing himself rather than risk the lives of his squad members. He was mortally wounded as he moved across the river, but managed to reach his destination. His loyalty to his squad, his utter disregard for personal safety, and his dogged determination that the mission at hand be accomplished, reflect credit upon his character as a noncommissioned officer, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class John B Ethridge, 37107881, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 11 August 1944. During the bitter combat operations near * * * , Private Ethridge, an aid man attached to Company L, * * * Infantry, displayed such courage and steadfastness in administering first aid to the wounded, that his actions served as an inspiration to all soldiers in the area. During an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Private Ethridge advanced into the field of fire to continue his work of caring for and evacuating the wounded, and was himself mortally wounded. Private Ethridge's gallantry and zealous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Calvin M Swanson, 33680621, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 18 July 1944. Private Swanson, a medical aid man, attempted to evacuate several wounded men who were lying in a field of German S mines. As he made his way forward with utter disregard for his personal safety he was killed by an exploding mine. His gallant action in placing the welfare of wounded comrades above his own life reflects the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private William M McDowell, 32996613, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action, in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 18 July 1944. Private McDowell, an aid man attached to Company L, * * * Infantry, went forward with complete disregard for personal safety, to treat and evacuate eight soldiers wounded during an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage. After completing his mission of caring for his wounded comrades, Private McDowell was mortally wounded by shell fragments. By placing the welfare of others above his own life, Private McDowell set an example of devotion to duty that reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

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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 man, now missing in action:

Private First Class David W Simpson, 31447152, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 12 September 1944. When five enemy tanks were observed approaching the position of a rifle platoon of Company E, * * * Infantry, on a hill near * * * , France, Private Simpson, a rifleman, accompanied by another soldier, crawled a distance of about two hundred yards to a point within fifteen yards of the leading tank, despite crossfire from enemy machine guns. He fired six shots from a rocket launcher, causing the enemy tanks to withdraw. The intrepid actions of Private Simpson prevented an enemy breakthrough, and enabled his unit to consolidate its position in this area. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

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

Captain D L Benton Jr, 0450237, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, 12 August 1944. When the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, was impeded by enemy resistance reportedly supported by tanks, Captain Benton, commanding Company C, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion, voluntarily led a three man patrol ahead of front line troops into an area subjected to artillery fire, in order to search for the enemy tanks, so that he might later bring up his tank destroyers in event of their presence. While so engaged, Captain Benton was fired upon by ten enemy riflemen. Placing his patrol, Captain Benton then deliberately exposed himself to the small arms fire, whereupon the enemy riflemen pursued him into the trap he had set. The patrol captured all ten of the enemy. From the prisoners, Captain Benton learned the enemy tanks had withdrawn. Captain Benton's gallantry in action, his resourcefulness and disregard for personal safety are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain Melvin V Fritts, 01286630, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 and 17 August 1944. On 16 and 17 August, in the attack against * * * , Captain Fritts commanded Company G, * * * Infantry, which led the advance across open terrain under enemy observation. By superior and outstanding leadership and tactical skill, Captain Fritts so deployed his company, that despite heavy enemy fire of all types, it succeeded in forcing the enemy's withdrawal from the vicinity and facilitated the capture of * * * . Captain Fritts was wounded in this action, but insisted upon returning to his command immediately after receiving medical attention. Captain Fritts' leadership, tactical skill and disregard for personal safety are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant William I Wagoner, 20725405, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 11 September 1944. During the initial phase of the assault crossing of the * * * River by units of the second battalion, Sergeant Wagoner led his squad across the river in the face of heavy enemy fire of all types, deployed his men in defensive positions, then, in order to establish communications with elements on the west bank of the river, swam across the river and secured a radio. He made a total of six crossings of the river, keeping the battalion commander well informed of the situation. His gallant and fearless actions in maintaining constant contact with troops on the west bank of the river, and his skillful deployment of his squad under heavy fire, was a large factor in the successful crossing of other units of the battalion, and in the subsequent capture of * * * . Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class John Slackter Jr, 33873141, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 12 September 1944. When five enemy tanks were observed approaching the position of a rifle platoon of Company E, * * * Infantry, on a hill near * * * , France, Private Slackter, a rifleman, accompanied by another soldier, crawled a distance of about two hundred yards to a point within fifteen yards of the leading tank, despite crossfire from enemy machine guns. He fired six shots from a rocket launcher, causing the enemy tanks to withdraw. The intrepid actions of Private Slackter prevented an enemy breakthrough, and enabled his unit to consolidate its position in this area. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Private Dan Smith, 39217096, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 12 September 1944. After part of Company G, * * * Infantry, had crossed the * * * River in its assault upon enemy strongpoints on the east bank, two soldiers were fired upon and seriously wounded by enemy artillery and machine guns as they were returning a boat to the west bank for use by the remainder of the company. Despite enemy observation and intense enemy fire, Private Smith, a rifleman, assisted by two other soldiers, waded into mid-stream, secured the boat, and administered first aid to the wounded men. He and his comrades then carried the wounded men to the friendly shore and evacuated them to the aid station. Private Smith's courageous actions are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Clyde M Thompson, 20723996, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, France, 11 to 15 September 1944. During this period, while the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was engaged in assault crossings of the * * * and * * * Rivers, Private Thompson, a wireman, worked continuously, assisting his communications sergeant in establishing and maintaining communications. On one occasion, it was necessary for him to swim across the * * * River in the face of direct enemy machine gun fire in order to establish communications with leading elements which had fought their way into the hostile shore a short while before. He was killed in action as he was engaged in maintaining the communication system which he had so skillfully and tirelessly assisted in establishing. Private Thompson's courageous actions, and efficient performance of duty under enemy fire, was measurably responsible for the continuous maintenance of communications during this important battalion mission. Entered military service from Kansas.

VII — 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 men, now missing in action:

Sergeant Harry B Mearing, 36459650, 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 5 August 1944. Sergeant Mearing, an assistant squad leader in Company K, * * * Infantry, crossed an open field under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire to administer first aid to a seriously wounded officer lying in an exposed position. He then placed the officer on his shoulders and carried him 150 yards across open terrain to a place of safety. Sergeant Mearing's prompt and courageous action undoubtedly saved the officer's life. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry H Heimann, 36364532, 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, 12 August 1944. In the operation against * * * , when Company B, * * * Infantry was assigned the mission of riding tanks into the city, Technician Heimann, an aid man, rode with the troops. When several infantrymen were wounded by artillery, mortar and small arms fire from enemy positions, Technician Heimann jumped from his tank, and, during a short withdrawal, went between the lines to administer first aid to the wounded. Technician Heimann's initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

VIII — 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

Colonel Charles Keller Jr, 0381335, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * River sector, near * * * , France, 10 to 15 September 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

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Major Charles L McGee, 0254009, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 11 September 1944. As Major McGee led a party, including another officer and eight enlisted men, toward * * *, the enemy, suddenly counterattacking the area, discovered the group and concentrated machine gun and small arms fire upon it. Displaying coolness, courage and leadership, as well as consideration for the safety of his men, Major McGee ordered them to take cover behind a small rise in the ground. Since this cover could not protect all members of the group, Major McGee unselfishly exposed himself in order to afford his men the best possible protection from the enemy fire which grew more intense with the addition of enemy artillery. Ordering his men to remain in position, Major McGee rose and deliberately crossed an open field in order to draw the enemy fire from his men. From this new position he surveyed the terrain and directed each man to a place of safety. As a result of his intrepid action no casualties were incurred. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain John E Davis, 0327717, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 11 August to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from North Dakota.

Captain Edgar Nicholson, 0449242, Field Artillery, 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 10 September 1944. Captain Nicholson, artillery liaison officer, established an observation post on the forward slope of a hill near a bridge which the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was attempting to seize. Heavy enemy opposition was encountered and numerous casualties were suffered by the battalion. Realizing that the infantry needed a maximum of artillery support, and that his present position afforded him the most advantageous location for fire direction, he remained at his post despite aimed enemy fire directed at his exposed position. The courageous actions of Captain Nicholson in placing the battalion mission above any thought of personal welfare, as evidenced by remaining at his post despite the precariousness of the situation, are in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain Earl J Ruby, 0412165, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 19 and 20 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain James I Wickens, 01015808, Cavalry, 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. Captain Wickens, Commanding Officer of Company D, * * * Tank Battalion, led two platoons of his company in support of an attack by Company C, * * * Infantry. When an infantry platoon was pinned down by enemy fire as it advanced along a creek, Captain Wickens, who was directing the actions of the tanks by radio from a quarter-ton truck, brought two tanks into position and accurately directed their fire on the enemy positions, enabling the infantrymen to withdraw from an untenable position. He then directed the removal of two tanks which had become bogged down during the advance, despite enemy artillery fire which damaged one tank and his quarter-ton vehicle. The leadership and courage under fire displayed by Captain Wickens reflects credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Jim B Harper, 01169997, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 28 July to 6 October 1944. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Jack H Hunt, 01172082, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. When Lieutenant Hunt was serving as forward artillery observer in a tank, the vehicle overturned, whereupon Lieutenant Hunt led the crew to safety despite concentrations of enemy heavy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire.

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He then returned to his command post and requested men and equipment to go forward where he then effectively adjusted artillery fire upon enemy strong points. Immediately thereafter, he proceeded to the air field and served as an air observer in a liaison plane, from which he effectively adjusted artillery fire. Lieutenant Hunt's devotion to duty, his zeal for the success of his organization, his leadership, personal courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Oregon.

First Lieutenant Richard H Lynch, 01182639 (then second lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 11 August 1944. Lieutenant Lynch was sent to a forward artillery observation post situated well ahead of the front lines in order to take the place of a forward observer who had become a casualty. Despite heavy enemy counterbattery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Lynch remained at his post all night calling fire orders to the artillery, directing its fire sometimes as close as one hundred yards from his own position. His accurate fire direction prevented a counterattack by the enemy during the night, and enabled the battalion to overrun the enemy position the following morning. The courage and skill of Lieutenant Lynch reflect credit upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Martin T McDermott, 01015845, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 12 July to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant John A O'Donnell, 01309878, 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. On the morning of 12 August, Lieutenant O'Donnell, a platoon leader of Company A, * * * Infantry, led his platoon in an attack on a hill near * * * , France. The enemy counterattacked sharply with tanks and infantry, forcing the platoon to make a limited withdrawal. Lieutenant O'Donnell quickly reorganized his platoon and deployed his troops in defensive positions. Throughout the engagement, Lieutenant O'Donnell exposed himself to aimed fire in order to more effectively coordinate the movement and fire of his platoon. His dynamic leadership inspired his troops to their best efforts, and resulted in repulsing the strong enemy counterattack. Entered military service from New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Paul L Riggs, 01307307, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of the platoon of which Lieutenant Riggs was platoon leader had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks, counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Lieutenant Riggs and twelve enlisted men stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Lieutenant Riggs and his men, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, leadership and tenacity of purpose of Lieutenant Riggs, reflect credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Burr Sutter, 01302546, 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. The Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was subjected to severe concentrations of enemy fire of all types as it proceeded with its mission of seizing and holding a bridge over the * * * River. Lieutenant Sutter, battalion S-3, without regard for personal safety, moved from company to company, to the command post and to the bridge area to coordinate the crossing. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack, he remained in the bridge area, assisting the wounded back to high ground west of the river. Entered military service from Arizona.

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First Lieutenant John A Taylor, 0394169, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 22 September 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Lieutenant Manning Taylor, 0439220, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, from 25 to 27 July 1944. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Carlton C Thornblom, 01311069, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 10 and 12 August 1944. Lieutenant Thornblom, Commanding Officer, Company C, * * * Infantry, led his company, riding on tanks, in an attack on Hill 317 on 10 August 1944. Upon arriving at the base of the hill, he coordinated with the Commanding Officer of Company A, * * * Infantry, in the establishment of defensive positions. These companies were isolated from the remainder of the battalion for more than thirty hours, but held their positions against numerous enemy counterattacks supported by tanks, until finally reinforced by other units of the battalion. On the morning of 12 August, Lieutenant Thornblom led his company in the third battalion attack which resulted in the capture of Hill 317. His demonstrated leadership ability played a large part in the success of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Texas.

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Second Lieutenant James C Keener, 0887529 (then technician third grade), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. In the operation against * * *, Lieutenant Keener was a member of a litter squad which voluntarily went into enemy territory, unaware of its being in enemy hands, in order to evacuate the wounded men of an attached unit. Before entering the area for the second time to evacuate the remaining wounded men, he was informed that the area was enemy territory. Despite this fact, and despite the hazard of crossing terrain subjected to fire, he entered the enemy territory with the other members of the litter squad and succeeded in evacuating the remaining wounded soldiers. Lieutenant Keener's disregard for personal safety, his devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant James A McKenzie, 01325097, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 12 September 1944. During an assault crossing of the * * * River by Company G, * * * Infantry, Lieutenant McKenzie, a platoon leader, went to the aid of a seriously wounded soldier and, despite heavy enemy fire of all types in the immediate vicinity, administered first aid and evacuated the wounded man to the battalion aid station. His brave and unhesitating action under enemy fire undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

First Sergeant Earl F Tart, 6705041, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 25 July to 19 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Vernon L Albright, 37162772, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 12 July 1944. When two men of his unit were wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Albright, with disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire in crossing open terrain, in order to effect the evacuation of one of the men who was unable to walk. When a withdrawal became necessary, Sergeant Albright carried the wounded man more than two hundred yards to the aid station. Sergeant Albright's courageous action and his loyalty to his wounded comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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Technical Sergeant Homer L Dent Jr, 37002446, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage in support of a counterattack by strong enemy forces, all wire communications with the battalion command post were disrupted by shellfire. Sergeant Dent, a communications chief, and five members of his crew worked for a period of three hours under heavy fire, tracing each line, making repairs and laying additional wire where needed. Through the courageous and efficient efforts of this wire crew, communications were maintained and at no time interrupted long enough to seriously impair artillery support, which proved a large factor in repelling the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Archie C Hughes, 18016494, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * *, France, Sergeant Hughes immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Sergeant Hughes undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Technical Sergeant Floyd H Kaechele, 20724764, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * *, France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Sergeant Kaechele's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks, counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Sergeant Kaechele and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Sergeant Kaechele and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant Kaechele reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant Herbert J Meredith, 20721487, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, France, from 10 to 16 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Clark E Frost, 37070804, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * *, France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Sergeant Frost's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks, counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Sergeant Frost and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Sergeant Frost and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant Frost, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Robert H Gunderson, 37429471, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * *, France, Sergeant Gunderson immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Sergeant Gunderson undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Isidoro Paz, 38349937 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. During an assault on strongly defended enemy positions in the vicinity of * * *, the enemy launched a determined counterattack, forcing part of Company B, * * * Infantry, to withdraw. Sergeant Paz picked up an abandoned Browning Automatic Rifle, and from an exposed position on a hedgerow, directed effective fire on the advancing enemy, killing four Germans and halting the progress of the counterattack. The courageous actions of Sergeant Paz were an inspiration to his comrades, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant Ernest V Robinson, 34700952, 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. Under the supervision of his battery commander, Sergeant Robinson established a forward observation post along high ground west of the * * * River. He displayed commendable initiative and leadership in preparing instruments and maintaining continuous communications with the command post. When he observed several concentrations of enemy troops attempting to retreat, he transmitted this information to the fire direction center, and the resultant adjustment of artillery fire caused considerable losses to the enemy formations. Throughout this operation he performed his duties efficiently and without regard for personal safety, despite enemy artillery fire directed at the observation post. His actions contributed to the success of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Robert G Wagener, 17044857 (then technician fourth grade), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. During the course of an assault against strongly defended enemy positions, Sergeant Wagener, together with a crew and two guards, was given the mission of restoring wire communications with forward elements. Although the two guards became casualties early during the mission, and it was necessary to work under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Wagener continued to direct his crew calmly and efficiently. His courage, skill, and tenacity of purpose were responsible for the successful completion of a vital combat assignment, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Chester H Wilson, 20723975, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, France, 11 to 18 September 1944. While the second battalion was engaged in making assault crossings of the * * * and * * * Rivers, Sergeant Wilson, a communications sergeant, worked tirelessly and skillfully to maintain continuous communications despite heavy enemy fire. On one occasion it was necessary for him to swim across the * * * River in the face of direct enemy machine gun fire in order to establish communications with leading elements on the east bank of the river, while supporting elements were on the west bank. Sergeant Wilson's courageous actions and efficient performance of duty under enemy fire was measurably responsible for the continuous maintenance of communications during this important operation. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Newton F Wilson, 37218754, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage in support of a counterattack by strong enemy forces, all wire communications with the battalion command post were disrupted by shellfire. Sergeant Wilson, a wire chief, and five members of his crew worked for a period of three hours under heavy fire, tracing each line, making repairs and laying additional wire where needed. Through the courageous and efficient efforts of this wire crew, communications were maintained and at no time interrupted long enough to seriously impair artillery support, which proved a large factor in repelling the enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Third Grade Manuel P Dias Jr, 39086872, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 10 July to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from California.

Technician Third Grade Donald D Schrack, 37034623, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, France, on 16 September 1944. The * * * Infantry was engaged in an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of * * *, France. Several casualties requiring evacuation could not be evacuated immediately because of a shortage of transportation. Although several previous attempts had failed, Technician Schrack, a surgical technician, together with another enlisted man, voluntarily entered an open field subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and succeeded in retrieving a vehicle assigned to the battalion medical section. By his heroic actions, he relieved an acute transportation shortage, and enabled casualties to be immediately evacuated to the aid station. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Anthony R Civiello, 35598702 (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 * * * sector, Normandy, France, 11 July 1944. In the operation against * * *, the advance of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, was hampered by enemy sniper fire. Sergeant Civiello, an assistant heavy machine gunner, with disregard for personal safety, and assisted by another soldier, seized a heavy machine gun, climbed a hedgerow, and in the face of enemy machine gun and mortar fire, so effectively fired his weapon that he killed or forced the withdrawal of the enemy snipers. Sergeant Civiello's courageous action enabled his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Carl R Hammond, 34188095, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * *, France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Sergeant Hammond's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Sergeant Hammond and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Sergeant Hammond and his comrades that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant Hammond reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

Sergeant John S Jaranson, 37271967, 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. Company C, * * * Tank Battalion formed the spearhead of the attack toward * * * and advanced against heavy enemy opposition. Sergeant Jaranson, a tank commander, advanced with the second wave of tanks. Despite heavy and accurate observed fire from enemy weapons emplaced on high ground to the front, the objective was seized and held. Sergeant Jaranson was wounded during the engagement. The courageous actions of Sergeant Jaranson, who went forward in the face of direct enemy fire, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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Sergeant Charles Kovacs, 32607781, 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. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was heavily engaged with the enemy, after forcing a crossing of the * * * River, Sergeant Kovacs and four other members of the ammunition and pioneer platoon made numerous trips across the * * * River to evacuate wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire, they persisted in their efforts without regard for personal safety, thereby saving the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms, and contributing to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Sergeant William F Moore, 36422982, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Sergeant Moore immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Sergeant Moore undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant William I Pate, 36366879 (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 3 August 1944. Company I, * * * Infantry, made a limited withdrawal during an intense enemy artillery barrage, leaving the company commander, who had been seriously wounded by an enemy sniper, in the former position. In the absence of litter-bearers, Sergeant Pate voluntarily went forward a distance of about 150 yards, administered first aid to the wounded officer, then carried him back to the battalion aid station. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Sergeant Pate, under fire, undoubtedly saved the officer from further wounds and possible death. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant Dean D Pruitt, 37070656, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, from 11 to 16 July 1944. In the operation against * * * , Sergeant Pruitt, a light machine gun squad leader, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and courage in the face of enemy fire. Despite a wounded shoulder and hip, Sergeant Pruitt went forward under heavy enemy fire of all types to evacuate to a place of safety more than two hundred yards distant, a wounded comrade who lay exposed to the intense fire. Shortly thereafter, while engaged in a similar action, Sergeant Pruitt was struck by shrapnel, as a result of which he suffered the loss of a leg. Sergeant Pruitt's courage, disregard for personal safety and loyalty to his wounded comrades, were an inspiration to his fellow-soldiers and reflect credit upon his character. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade James G Chatman, 35392493, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 27 September 1944. Enroute to a gun position, Technician Chatman, an artillery mechanic, took cover in a roadside ditch when the area was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Seeing a soldier lying wounded on the road, exposed to the enemy fire, he immediately ran to his side, and with the aid of an officer, removed the wounded man to the roadside ditch. As the ditch did not afford sufficient protection to permit proper care of the wounded soldier, Technician Chatman placed him in a trailer attached to a vehicle which had been temporarily abandoned because of heavy fire in the area, and directed his evacuation to an aid station. The courage, quick actions and initiative of Technician Chatman saved a wounded soldier from further wounds and possible death. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Technician Fourth Grade Glenn F Plank, 20726769, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, on 13 July 1944. Technician Plank, an aid man, entered an area subjected to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire to administer first aid to four wounded soldiers. Despite continuous heavy fire, he remained with them until litter-bearers arrived, then assisted in evacuating them. Sergeant Plank's heroic actions under fire reflect credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Glen J Chambers, 36258668, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, in support of a counterattack by strong enemy forces, all wire communications with the battalion command post were disrupted by shellfire. Corporal Chambers, a wire chief, and five other enlisted men worked for a period of three hours under heavy fire, tracing each line, making repairs and laying additional wire where needed. Through the courageous and efficient efforts of this wire crew, communications were maintained and at no time interrupted long enough to seriously impair artillery support, which proved a large factor in repelling the enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Mack Cobb, 36360890, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 22 September 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Daniel J Fraser, 34054307, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 22 September 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

Corporal Claude W Hylton, 20760159, 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 30 September 1944. Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion was subjected to heavy enemy counter-battery fire while firing a time fire adjustment, and Corporal Hylton, a gunner, was wounded in the leg by shell fragments. Although his wound was painful, he did not complain or report his condition until this important mission was completed. His outstanding devotion to duty, and disregard for his personal condition reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal James F McWhorter, 20732788, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * and * * *, France, from 25 September to 3 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Elmer C Specht, 36258711, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 30 September 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage in support of a counterattack by strong enemy forces, all wire communications with the battalion command post were disrupted by shellfire. Corporal Specht, a wire chief, and members of his crew worked for a period of three hours under heavy fire, tracing each line, making repairs and laying additional wire where needed. Through the courageous and efficient efforts of this wire crew, communications were maintained and at no time interrupted long enough to seriously impair artillery support, which proved a large factor in repelling the enemy counterattacks. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Charles C Taylor, 20732806, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 25 September to 3 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Paul M Trego, 37005272, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 26 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Corporal James R Wilson, 34352560, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 10 July to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from Georgia.

Corporal James F Wells, 20724730, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * *, France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Corporal Wells' platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Corporal Wells and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Corporal Wells and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Corporal Wells, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry Acker, 36862638 (then private first class), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. During the hours of darkness on 17 July 1944, five soldiers were wounded when they entered a field infested with enemy mines and booby traps. Technician Acker and another aid man volunteered to enter the field to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded men. As they approached their objective, Technician Acker noticed the other aid man set off a mine, shouted a warning, whereupon both took cover and escaped injury. They continued forward and led the wounded soldiers to safety. The courageous actions, quick thinking, and disregard for personal safety on the part of Technician Acker reflect credit upon his military training and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Leonard M Dodd, 34663159, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Barton E DuBay, 36561862, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * sector, France, on 16 September 1944. The * * * Infantry was engaged in an attack against the enemy in the vicinity of * * *, France. Several casualties requiring evacuation could not be evacuated immediately because of a shortage of transportation. Although several previous attempts had failed, Technician DuBay, a medical technician, together with another enlisted man, voluntarily entered an open field subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, and succeeded in retrieving a vehicle belonging to the battalion medical section. By his heroic actions, he relieved an acute transportation shortage, and enabled casualties to be immediately evacuated to the aid station. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade George L Fisher, 37553485, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 21 September 1944. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry E Harvey, 20723896 (then private first class), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 10 August 1944. During the course of an assault upon strongly defended enemy positions, Technician Harvey was given the mission of establishing wire communications with forward elements, aided by a crew and two guards. Although it was necessary for him to expose himself to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and machine gun fire, and in spite of the fact that the two guards were wounded during the early phases of the mission, Technician Harvey continued to direct his crew with calmness and efficiency, and successfully accomplished a vital combat assignment. His courageous conduct under fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Wayne E Kenneson, 31373792 (then private), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. Technician Kenneson, an aid man, was summoned to administer first aid to a soldier who had been wounded by a booby trap. Upon reaching the area, Technician Kenneson was himself wounded by an exploding mine, which also wounded three other soldiers standing nearby. Disregarding his wounds, he went to the assistance of the other three wounded men, administered first aid, and remained with them until they were evacuated by litter-bearers. Technician Kenneson's zealous devotion to duty, and heroic actions in placing the welfare of wounded comrades above any consideration for his personal condition, reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New Hampshire.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald Lambert, 31258985, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 15 July 1944. Technician Lambert went into an open field which was then being subjected to a constant enemy barrage of heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and administered first aid to four wounded men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Lambert remained with these soldiers in spite of the continuing intense enemy fire until aid arrived and helped him to evacuate the men. His heroism and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades and reflect credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Hernie W Lisle, 37088117, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 16 July 1944. Technician Lisle exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to lift a wounded man from a foxhole and carry him to a litter. Although he was himself seriously wounded in performing this task, he bore his pain in silence and continued the evacuation of wounded from the battle field to the aid station. By his devotion to duty under the most trying conditions, Technician Lisle set an example that reflects high credit upon him as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Private First Class Franklin M Beaty, 34604422, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Beaty's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Beaty and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Beaty and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Beaty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Guy T Davenport, 33651192, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 11 and 12 July 1944. During particularly heavy fighting near * * * , Private Davenport, a litter-bearer, voluntarily entered areas subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to treat and evacuate casualties. Disregarding his personal safety, and despite the severe concussion of an artillery shell which struck near him on one occasion, he continued his volunteer work for two days. Private Davenport's courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Ronald J David, 34230466 (then private), Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 11 September 1944.

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While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, attacked a stubbornly resisting enemy who held the commanding high ground along the east bank of the * * * River, Private Davis and three other aid men formed a litter squad and moved forward in the face of heavy enemy fire from the front and flank, to evacuate wounded men to the battalion aid station on the opposite bank of the river. As no boats were available, these aid men waded across the river, carrying their litters above their heads and parallel to the swift current, and successfully evacuated eleven seriously wounded soldiers. Private Davis' courageous devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Louis B. Davis, 33256980, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Davis' platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Davis and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Davis and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Davis, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Wesley R. Garren, 34505140, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 12 August 1944. Private Garren, a platoon messenger, delivered an order to his platoon directing it to withdraw to its original position, together with the rest of the company. He then discovered that another platoon had apparently failed to receive this order and was continuing to advance. Acting on his own initiative, he crawled two hundred yards through heavy enemy machine gun fire to reach this platoon and informed it of the withdrawal. The initiative and courage displayed by Private Garren reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class James M. Hau, 38396561, 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. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was heavily engaged with the enemy, after forcing a crossing of the * * * River, Private Hau and four other members of the ammunition and pioneer platoon made numerous trips across the * * * River to evacuate wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire, they persisted in their efforts without regard for personal safety, thereby saving the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms, and contributing to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class John J. Hayden, 32974789, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, attacked a stubbornly resisting enemy who held the commanding high ground along the east bank of the * * * River, Private Hayden and three other aid men formed a litter squad and moved forward in the face of heavy enemy fire from the front and flank, to evacuate wounded men to the battalion aid station on the opposite bank of the river. As no boats were available, these aid men waded across the river, carrying their litters above their heads and parallel to the swift current, and successfully evacuated eleven seriously wounded soldiers. Private Hayden's courageous devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Henry H. Jordan, 35227904, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Jordan's

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platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Jordan and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Jordan and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Jordan, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Arthur I Martin, 39609839, 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, 12 September 1944. When the * * * 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. Private Martin, an aid man, assisted by an officer and two other enlisted men, formed a litter squad, made many trips across the river, then being raked by enemy fire, and, although forced to wade in deep water, and to hold the stretchers above his head to keep dry the stretcher-borne wounded, succeeded in evacuating all the wounded. Private Martin's courageous actions and devotion to duty, are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Private First Class Comer Martin, 34881900, 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, 12 August 1944. In the operation against * * * , when Company B, * * * Infantry was assigned the mission of riding tanks into the city, Private Martin, an aid man, rode with the troops. When several infantrymen were wounded by enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Martin jumped from his tank and, during a short withdrawal, went between the lines to administer first aid to the wounded. Private Martin's initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class Burwell C Mellum, 39384633, 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. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was heavily engaged with the enemy, after forcing a crossing of the * * * River, Private Mellum and four other members of the ammunition and pioneer platoon made numerous trips across the * * * River to evacuate wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire, they persisted in their efforts without regard for personal safety, thereby saving the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms, and contributing to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Harold H Menear, 35380317, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 15 and 18 July 1944. When Company K, * * * Infantry, suffered casualties among its medical aid personnel, Private Menear, an aid man, voluntarily proceeded to that unit, and while under fire, administered first aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation. On a later occasion, while exposing himself to enemy fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded, Private Menear was himself wounded. Private Menear's devotion to duty, his courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Joseph A Pirc, 36701376, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Pirc's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked.

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Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Pirc and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Pirc and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Pirc reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class James S Pogue, 15086848, 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. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry was heavily engaged with the enemy after forcing a crossing of the * * * River, Private Pogue and four other members of the ammunition and pioneer platoon made numerous trips across the * * * River to evacuate wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire, they persisted in their efforts without regard for personal safety, thereby saving the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms, and contributing to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Ernest E Prough, 20622619, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 18 September 1944. Private Prough, an aid man attached to the First Reconnaissance Platoon, * * * Tank Destroyer Battalion, with complete disregard for his own safety, administered first aid to a wounded comrade, despite the heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire upon the area, and then evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety. Private Prough's courage, disregard for personal safety and loyalty to a wounded comrade reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Gilbert J Reed, 37142980, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 25 July 1944. During a heavy engagement with a strongly fortified enemy, Private Reed, a lineman, established wire communication with a designated observation post located one mile forward of our front lines. In order to accomplish this mission, it was necessary for Private Reed to make his way along through difficult terrain subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. He performed his task with an unusual demonstration of courage, initiative and skill, which reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class James O Sloan, 33536100, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 21 September 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Thomas E Wagner, 33727692, 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 August 1944. Private Wagner, a medical technician and jeep driver, placed a wounded soldier in his jeep and drove through heavy enemy fire to the battalion aid station. Before starting on this mission, a heavy enemy artillery barrage started falling in this area, and Private Wagner helped the wounded man to cover. When it became apparent that the barrage might not lift for some time, he left his position of safety, crawled to the jeep, and took the wounded soldier to the aid station. Private Wagner's devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety enabled the wounded soldier to receive urgently needed medical attention. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private U M Alexander, 38396158, 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. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, was heavily engaged with the enemy, after forcing a crossing of the * * * River, Private Alexander and four other members of the ammunition and pioneer platoon made numerous trips across the * * * River to evacuate wounded soldiers to the battalion aid station. Although subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy fire, they persisted in their efforts without regard for personal safety, thereby saving the lives of many of their comrades-in-arms, and contributing to the morale of the front line troops. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Miles R Autry, 34253271, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private Lloyd H Ball, 37157229, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Ronald R Boerst, 35294166, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 12 September 1944. After part of Company G, * * * Infantry, had crossed the * * * River in its assault upon enemy strong-points on the east bank, two soldiers were fired upon and seriously wounded by enemy artillery and machine guns as they were returning a boat to the west bank for use by the remainder of the company. Despite enemy observation and intense enemy fire, Private Boerst, a rifleman, assisted by two other soldiers, waded into mid-stream, secured the boat, and administered first aid to the wounded men. He and his comrades then carried the wounded men to the friendly shore and evacuated them to the aid station. Private Boerst's courageous action is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Charlie I Broom, 34829079, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, attacked a stubbornly resisting enemy who held the commanding high ground along the east bank of the * * * River, Private Broom and three other aid men formed a litter squad and moved forward in the face of heavy enemy fire from the front and flank, to evacuate wounded men to the battalion aid station on the opposite bank of the river. As no boats were available, these aid men waded across the river, carrying their litters above their heads and parallel to the swift current, and successfully evacuated eleven seriously wounded soldiers. Private Broom's courageous devotion to duty, in the face of heavy enemy fire, reflects credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Joseph F Fedesco, 33786767, 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 12 August 1944. At the height of a heavy and concentrated enemy artillery barrage, Private Fedesco, an aid man, without hesitation responded to a cry for help, exposed himself to the enemy fire, administered first aid to the wounded soldier, then evacuated him to a place of safety. His prompt and courageous action under heavy fire resulted in saving the life of a wounded soldier, and reflects credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Richard D Gerdes, 37547520, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Gerdes' platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks, counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Gerdes and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Gerdes and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked,

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and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Gerdes, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private Marion C Hiefner, 39048894, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Hiefner immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Hiefner undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private Edwin J Mills, 32855491, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Wilfred B Holton, 20735253, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 12 September 1944. When the * * * 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. Private Holton, an aid man, assisted by an officer and two other enlisted men, formed a litter squad, made many trips across the river then being raked by enemy fire and, although forced to wade in deep water and to hold the stretcher above his head to keep dry the stretcher-borne wounded, succeeded in evacuating all the wounded. Private Holton's courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Thurman L Jackson, 34882406, 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 31 July 1944. Private Jackson, an aid man, voluntarily entered a German mine field in an attempt to administer first aid to five soldiers who had been wounded by exploding mines. While attempting to reach these soldiers, he was himself severely wounded. Private Jackson's courageous actions and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his military training and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private Lewis E Jacobe, 37681712, 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 12 September 1944. After the Second and Third Battalions, * * * Infantry, had established a bridgehead across the * * * River, and were heavily engaged with the enemy on high ground to the east, Private Jacobe, as a member of a litter squad organized by the third battalion surgeon, made numerous trips into enemy territory to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded. The water was so deep that it was necessary for the litter-bearers to hold the litters over their heads as they waded across the river. Private Jacobe's zealous devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire was responsible for saving many lives during this engagement. His actions reflect credit upon himself and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Joseph M Janus, 37134743, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Private John J Kelly Jr, 33597531, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 12 September 1944. After part of Company G, * * * Infantry had crossed the * * * River in its assault upon enemy strongpoints on the east bank, two soldiers were fired upon and seriously wounded by enemy artillery and machine guns as they were returning a boat to the west bank for use by the remainder of the company. Despite enemy observation and intense enemy fire, Private Kelly, a rifleman, assisted by two other soldiers, waded into mid-stream, secured the boat, and administered first aid to the wounded men. He and his comrades then carried the wounded men to the friendly shore and evacuated them to the aid station. Private Kelly's courageous actions are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Raymond P Lukaszewski, 36836907, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 12 September 1944. When the * * * 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. Private Lukaszewski, a litter-bearer, assisted by an officer and two other enlisted men, formed a litter squad and made many trips across the river then being raked by enemy fire. Although forced to wade in deep water and holding the stretcher above his head in order to keep dry the stretcher-borne wounded, Private Lukaszewski succeeded in evacuating all the wounded. His courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Private John R McKinney Jr, 38616429, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * *, France, Private McKinney immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private McKinney undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private Frank Mussa, 39237115, 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 30 September 1944. Private Mussa left the comparative safety of his foxhole during a particularly heavy enemy artillery barrage to administer first aid to two members of his platoon who were seriously wounded. He did not leave the exposed area until he had treated and evacuated the wounded men, and checked the remainder of his platoon for casualties. Private Mussa's heroic action in placing the welfare of his comrades-in-arms above any thought of personal safety served as an inspiration to all soldiers in the vicinity. Entered military service from California.

Private Raymond B Myers, 32947100, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry had taken * * *, France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Myers' platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Myers and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Myers and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Myers reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

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Private Edward R Novotny, 32717483, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 11 July to 2 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Ervin L Pearce, 16061896, 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 31 July 1944. Private Pearce, an aid man, voluntarily entered a German mine field in an attempt to administer first aid to five soldiers who had been wounded by exploding mines. While attempting to reach these soldiers, he was himself severely wounded. Private Pearce's courageous actions and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his military training and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private David B Pomeroy, 33773080, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Pomeroy immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Pomeroy undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Steven Senko Jr, 36697992, Infantry, 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. After the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had taken * * * , France, it prepared to establish defensive positions on its eastern outskirts. When only a part of Private Senko's platoon had reached the defense area, and before it had an opportunity to dig in, two companies of enemy infantry led by tanks counterattacked. Unsupported by fire of any type, and despite the superior enemy force strengthened with machine gun and tank fire, Private Senko and eleven comrades stood their ground and fired upon the enemy, causing numerous casualties in its ranks. So courageous and daring was the action of Private Senko and his comrades, that the enemy counterattack was checked, and when assistance arrived for the small group, the counterattack was repulsed, the enemy was driven from the high ground it had retaken, and the defense of the town made secure. The courage, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Senko, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Clarence F Shehan, 33762056, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 11 September 1944. While the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, attacked a stubbornly resisting enemy who held the commanding high ground along the east bank of the * * * River, Private Shehan and three other aid men formed a litter squad and moved forward in the face of heavy enemy fire from the front and flank, to evacuate wounded men to the battalion aid station on the opposite bank of the river. As no boats were available, these aid men waded across the river, carrying their litters above their heads and parallel to the swift current, and successfully evacuated eleven seriously wounded soldiers. Private Shehan's courageous devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Anthony S Sokolowski, 42107881, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Sokolowski immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within

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one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Skolowski undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Warren S Sonnichsen, 31454817, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Sonnichsen immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Sonnichsen undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private George A Stevens, 39722881, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Stevens immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Stevens undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from California.

Private Stanley L Summers, 42125137, 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 29 September 1944. When the civil affairs officer received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * * , France, Private Summers immediately volunteered to assist in a rescue despite the fact that the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. The rescue party moved four trucks to a point within one thousand yards of the village, there leaving the vehicles because of the enemy fire and observation hazards. The rescue group then made a number of trips to the chateau, carried the smaller children and led the others to the assembly point, and evacuated all the children to a place of safety without a single casualty. The courageous and unhesitating actions of Private Summers undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of helpless children. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Leslie M Wagner, 15057007, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, 11 August 1944. Private Wagner, a litter-bearer, crossed an open field in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire and dragged to safety a platoon sergeant who was seriously wounded while going to the aid of a scouting party which was pinned down by machine gun fire. Private Wagner was himself seriously wounded later on the same day while administering first aid to other wounded soldiers. His heroic actions in placing the welfare of his wounded comrades-in-arms above his personal welfare, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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IX -- 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 officers of this command:

Captain Lester L Remley, 01310499 (then first lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, on 17 July 1944. During the course of an attack by the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill 106, Captain Remley, Commanding Officer, Company M, * * * Infantry, proceeded through enemy artillery and mortar fire to a mortar section of his company with orders for delivery of concentrations of mortar fire in support of the attack. Noting that the members of the section were reluctant to leave their covered positions due to the intensity of the enemy artillery barrage, Captain Remley, accompanied by one volunteer, commenced firing one of the heavy mortars. Inspired by this exhibition of courage, the other members of the section manned their mortars and placed accurate fire upon enemy positions. His demonstrated leadership ability and bravery under fire reflect credit upon Captain Remley's character as an officer. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain George L Schneider, 0322336, 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 29 September 1944. Captain Schneider, a civil affairs officer, received information that eighty-one small children, evacuees from Paris, were in a chateau in the village of * * *, France. At this time, the village and all roads leading into it were being subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Captain Schneider secured volunteers from Company A, * * * Infantry, brought four trucks within a thousand yards of the village, then moved into the village on foot, making a number of trips so as not to present a large target, and evacuated the children without a single casualty. His courageous and prompt actions under heavy enemy fire undoubtedly saved the lives of a considerable number of the helpless children. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Burr Sutter, 01302546, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack supported by tanks against the defensive position of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, Lieutenant Sutter, battalion S-3, immediately went forward to coordinate the fire fight, moving among the units despite heavy artillery and mortar fire. His personal fearlessness, strong sense of duty, and attention to the smallest details of tactical disposition constituted a large factor in the successful employment of the battalion. Entered military service from Arizona.

X -- PURPLE HEART. 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 Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received against the enemy in France on dates indicated:

| RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH | DATE WOUNDED | ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM |
|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Lieutenant Colonel George T O'Connell 0357272, Infantry | 4 Oct | Kansas |
| Lieutenant Colonel John H Stowers 0176135, Infantry | 1 Oct | Mississippi |
| Captain Clifford G Decker 0395512, Infantry | 1 Oct | Kansas |
| Captain Leo E Huff 0424444, Infantry | 4 Oct | Kansas |
| Captain Thurston J Palmer 0317139, Infantry | 4 Oct | Nebraska |
| First Lieutenant Harold C Long 01286673, Infantry | 2 Oct | Indiana |
| First Lieutenant Joseph P McCrone 01293990, Infantry | 30 Sep | New Jersey |
| First Lieutenant Clyde B Payne 01525317, Infantry | 4 Oct | Nebraska |
| Second Lieutenant Andrew Takas 01323226, Infantry | 29 Sep | New York |
| First Sergeant Cecil C Whitfield 20726044, Infantry | 29 Sep | Kansas |
| Technical Sergeant James R Daniels 14053669, Infantry | 30 Sep | North Carolina |
| Technical Sergeant Joseph P Fuller 20725112, Infantry | 26 Sep | Kansas |
| Technical Sergeant Gerrit J Scott 36865411, Infantry | 2 Oct | Michigan |
| Staff Sergeant Leon Andrews 35138525, Infantry | 30 Sep | Indiana |

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| <u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u> | <u>DATE WOUNDED</u> | <u>ENTREED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u> |
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| Staff Sergeant Carl Ash 37390800, Infantry | 4 Oct | Missouri |
| Staff Sergeant George E Delp 37001987, Infantry | 8 Oct | Kansas |
| Staff Sergeant Roy F Dodds 35397509, Infantry | 30 Sep | Ohio |
| Staff Sergeant Donald Frankland 32771992, Infantry | 3 Oct | New Jersey |
| Staff Sergeant John M Grant 35622194, Infantry | 3 Oct | Ohio |
| Staff Sergeant Howard M Larsen 36157177, Infantry | 1 Oct | Michigan |
| Staff Sergeant Paul J Randel 37002782, Infantry | 1 Oct | Kansas |
| Staff Sergeant Raymond T Robinson 32800085, Infantry | 2 Oct | New York |
| Staff Sergeant Frank J Weber 36324017, Medical Department | 30 Sep | Illinois |
| Technician Third Grade Max E Daniels 20726712, Medical Department | 26 Sep | Kansas |
| Technician Third Grade Andrew J Neese 37070615, Medical Department | 30 Sep | Kansas |
| Sergeant Louis A Beelart 37037158, Medical Department | 30 Sep | Nebraska |
| Sergeant Edmund J Bielarczyk 20608222, Infantry | 2 Oct | Illinois |
| Sergeant Ralph T Forst 20722745, Infantry | 30 Sep | Nebraska |
| Sergeant Roy A Gilbert 34762256, Infantry | 29 Sep | Georgia |
| Sergeant John K Horrigan 32930769, Infantry | 27 Sep | New York |
| Sergeant Lewis L Martion 20724535, Infantry | 1 Oct | Kansas |
| Sergeant William D McCuiston Jr 35490350, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Kentucky |
| Sergeant John M McTigue 35541673, Infantry | 8 Oct | Ohio |
| Sergeant Domingo T Rodriguez 38163113, Infantry | 2 Oct | Texas |
| Sergeant Gale Van Slyke 37378856, Field Artillery | 6 Oct | Missouri |
| Sergeant Frank Wycinski 35622260, Infantry | 1 Oct | Ohio |
| Technician Fourth Grade Alex N Borkowski 36029302, Infantry | 2 Oct | Illinois |
| Technician Fourth Grade Carl E Johnson 36262046, Field Artillery | 6 Oct | Wisconsin |
| Corporal Claude W Hylton 20760058, Field Artillery | 30 Sep | Kansas |
| Corporal Robert T O'Neal 35414905, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Ohio |
| Corporal Charles C Schuster 35538227, Infantry | 6 Oct | Indiana |
| Corporal Elmer C Specht 36258711, Field Artillery | 2 Oct | Wisconsin |
| Technician Fifth Grade Carl V Amack 39316461, Field Artillery | 1 Oct | Oregon |
| Technician Fifth Grade Nunce A Bedolatti 33113887, Medical Department | 3 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Technician Fifth Grade Clements A Borchardt 37152059, Field Artillery | 27 Sep | South Dakota |
| Technician Fifth Grade William R Davis 33113704, Infantry | 5 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Technician Fifth Grade Clelaon A Helmer 32943665, Infantry | 4 Oct | New York |
| Technician Fifth Grade Owen S Johnson 35490084, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Indiana |
| Technician Fifth Grade Walter L Powers 35336090, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Ohio |
| Technician Fifth Grade Chester H Sobieski 32798195, Corps of Engineers | 2 Oct | New York |
| Technician Fifth Grade Kelley A Wallace 20457034, Field Artillery | 29 Sep | Tennessee |
| Technician Fifth Grade Ralph W White 20723384, Infantry | 30 Sep | Nebraska |
| Private First Class Richard J Abrams 15307173, Field Artillery | 1 Oct | Ohio |
| Private First Class Henry C Allen 38147765, Infantry | 29 Sep | Oklahoma |
| Private First Class Nicholas Anarow 32513445, Infantry | 5 Oct | New York |
| Private First Class Norman T Bibeau 31359074, Medical Department | 2 Oct | Massachusetts |
| Private First Class George W Black 14011348, Field Artillery | 1 Oct | Alabama |
| Private First Class Edward E Bryant 34645071, Field Artillery | 6 Oct | South Carolina |
| Private First Class Jack E Burleigh 20724126, Infantry | 1 Oct | Kansas |
| Private First Class Walter V Cunningham 13053305, Medical Department | 2 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private First Class Clarence F Daniels 34589606, Medical Department | 29 Sep | Alabama |
| Private First Class Warren E Dennistan 32221574, Infantry | 27 Sep | New York |
| Private First Class Norman H Duden 37168772, Infantry | 6 Oct | Minnesota |
| Private First Class Marvin B Esslinger 39048853, Infantry | 1 Oct | California |
| Private First Class Lenhart Frey 39394816, Infantry | 4 Oct | California |

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| <u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u> | <u>DATE WOUNDED</u> | <u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Private First Class Lloyd J Hemer 39337683, Infantry | 1 Oct | Oregon |
| Private First Class Michael J Kalkis 33623926, Infantry | 30 Sep | Pennsylvania |
| Private First Class Fred A Martino 32796474, Corps of Engineers | 30 Sep | New York |
| Private First Class Virginia Menegolla 32024935, Field Artillery | 1 Oct | New York |
| Private First Class Edward J Mikoleski 32795896, Corps of Engineers | 3 Oct | New York |
| Private First Class Edward Neckritz 33806808, Infantry | 1 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private First Class Edward W Price Jr 39127382, Infantry | 6 Oct | California |
| Private First Class Roy G Selby 34708335, Infantry | 29 Sep | Alabama |
| Private First Class Charles R Todd 39204140, Infantry | 30 Sep | Washington |
| Private Robert Beccarine 32727945, Infantry | 29 Sep | New York |
| Private Donald I Collins 42009318, Infantry | 1 Oct | New Jersey |
| Private Raymond H Condon 32659628, Corps of Engineers | 4 Oct | New York |
| Private Joseph Corey 37736855, Infantry | 6 Oct | Nebraska |
| Private Wesley G Coryell 36466048, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Michigan |
| Private John J Fish 42112515, Infantry | 7 Oct | New York |
| Private Louis P Furtado 31303069, Field Artillery | 6 Oct | Massachusetts |
| Private John O Hardin 35881371, Infantry | 29 Sep | Ohio |
| Private Bernard W Hindman 33772764, Infantry | 1 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private Loris G Holliday 35776830, Infantry | 2 Oct | West Virginia |
| Private Wilbur E James 39855901, Coast Artillery Corps | 1 Oct | Arizona |
| Private William A Kennedy Jr 33773162, Infantry | 3 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private Stanley J Kuber 36669013, Infantry | 3 Oct | Illinois |
| Private Peter A Lapka 36891627, Infantry | 30 Sep | Michigan |
| Private Ornal E Lyons 6988641, Medical Department | 3 Oct | Kentucky |
| Private Raymond E Magistrelli 36771487, Medical Department | 1 Oct | Illinois |
| Private Thomas P Mahon 42051181, Infantry | 7 Oct | New York |
| Private George L Mallow Jr 36887653, Medical Department | 30 Sep | Michigan |
| Private Richard W Manske 42025980, Infantry | 28 Sep | New York |
| Private George McCollum 34827175, Infantry | 30 Sep | Georgia |
| Private Donald J Pecor 36258079, Field Artillery | 6 Oct | Wisconsin |
| Private Alvin L Phillips 33832191, Medical Department | 2 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private Alexander A Raski 39342789, Infantry | 8 Oct | Washington |
| Private Mike C Reagan 14020567, Infantry | 2 Oct | South Carolina |
| Private William M Riley 33786766, Medical Department | 1 Oct | Pennsylvania |
| Private Joseph Ryan 35298208, Infantry | 30 Sep | Ohio |
| Private John Sampson 39344237, Infantry | 1 Oct | Oregon |
| Private Leonard Schwartz 42077222, Infantry | 30 Sep | New York |
| Private Carl I Silvertsen 42086077, Infantry | 1 Oct | New Jersey |
| Private William T Sloss 36954992, Infantry | 1 Oct | Illinois |
| Private Donald O Sperlik 36781329, Infantry | 6 Oct | Illinois |
| Private Frank Wallach 32790172, Corps of Engineers | 3 Oct | New York |
| Private Andrew W Wick Jr 35246644, Infantry | 26 Sep | Kentucky |

XI -- PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on dates indicated:

| <u>RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH</u> | <u>DATE WOUNDED</u> | <u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Captain Amato Pescosiddo Jr 01362512, Infantry | 1 Oct | Massachusetts |
| Second Lieutenant Roy P Reynolds 01318226, Infantry | 3 Oct | Kansas |
| Staff Sergeant Bernard J Garvey 36421365, Infantry | 30 Sep | Michigan |
| Sergeant Dennis Shepherd 42001801, Infantry | 28 Sep | New Jersey |
| Private First Class Marvin B Esslinger 39048853, Infantry | 2 Oct | California |

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XII -- AIR MEDAL. So much of section VI, General Orders No 41, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 7 October 1944, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Raymond P Johnson, O551952, Field Artillery, United States Army, as reads "27 August to 21 September 1944" is amended to read "20 July to 9 August 1944".

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