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

Second Lieutenant G H Miller Smith, 0529367, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 8 October 1944. Lieutenant Smith, a platoon leader, was assigned the mission of destroying, by demolitions, a bridge across the * * * River in enemy territory. As the demolition was to be done at night, Lieutenant Smith made a daylight reconnaissance, accompanied by an enlisted man, and worked his way to a point about five hundred yards southwest of the bridge. The enemy placed small arms fire upon his position but, instead of withdrawing, he crawled forward alone, neutralized several enemy positions with accurate rifle fire, and captured six Germans. As he withdrew with his prisoners, he was mortally wounded by fire from concealed enemy positions. Lieutenant Smith's courage, coolness, and zealous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and upon the military service. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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

Private Fred L Bentel, 36676929, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, 19 July 1944. When enemy fire forced the withdrawal of their platoon, Private Bentel and two other enlisted men voluntarily remained at their positions, delivered a heavy volume of fire against hostile machine gunners and riflemen, and signalled the remainder of the platoon to continue its movement. This unselfish action drew intense small arms and machine gun fire from the enemy, which wounded Private Bentel and his companions. In spite of their wounds, the three men continued to deliver fire until the platoon had successfully withdrawn from its precarious position without further loss. Private Bentel's gallantry, utter disregard for personal safety and loyalty to his comrades were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private William D Lapp, 33793520, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, Normandy, France, 19 July 1944. When enemy fire forced the withdrawal of their platoon, Private Lapp and two other enlisted men voluntarily remained at their positions, delivered a heavy volume of fire against hostile machine gunners and riflemen, and signalled the remainder of the platoon to continue its movement. This unselfish action drew intense small arms and machine gun fire from the enemy, which wounded Private Lapp and his companions. In spite of their wounds, the three men continued to deliver fire until the platoon had successfully withdrawn from its precarious position without further casualties. Private Lapp's gallantry, utter disregard for personal safety and loyalty to his comrades were an inspiration to the men of his platoon and reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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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 officer and enlisted men of this command:

First Lieutenant Arthur I Traub, 01183209, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * , France, on 9 October 1944. Lieutenant Traub was on duty as a forward artillery observer with the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, when the area was subjected to an intense and prolonged enemy artillery barrage. An enlisted member of Lieutenant Traub's section was seriously wounded by shell fragments, whereupon Lieutenant Traub without hesitation jumped out of his foxhole and covered the wounded soldier with his own body in order to protect him from further wounds. Lieutenant Traub was himself slightly wounded by shell fragments. When the artillery barrage ceased, Lieutenant Traub carried the wounded soldier to a nearby vehicle, administered first aid, then evacuated him to the rear. Lieutenant Traub's conspicuous gallantry in protecting a wounded soldier at the risk of his own life, reflects the highest credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant Efraim Ackerman, 32429795, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France on 23 August 1944. On this date Sergeant Ackerman voluntarily accompanied a truce party into the town of * * * , France, when he knew the town was occupied by enemy forces who were firing on our troops just outside of town. Although the party was under a flag of truce with the mission of determining whether or not the * * * garrison would surrender or be annihilated, available intelligence was that the enemy would not honor the flag of truce. Although the commander of the enemy could not be found, the party traversed a great portion of the city under full observation of the enemy where a false move would undoubtedly have brought a hail of enemy fire. Sergeant Ackerman's utter disregard for his own safety greatly facilitated the movement of the division into * * * . This act of gallantry reflects great courage and credit upon Sergeant Ackerman as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Donald L Giles, 37035106, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 11 July 1944. At the outset of an attack against the enemy on the morning of 11 July, Sergeant Giles was struck in the shoulder by a sniper bullet. Despite his wound, he remained at the head of his men, personally destroyed an enemy machine gun nest with automatic rifle fire, and continued to lead his squad for ten hours before allowing himself to be evacuated for first aid. The qualities of leadership, unusual devotion to duty, and tenacity of purpose displayed by Sergeant Giles served as an inspiration to his men, and reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Corporal Silvio Andreozzi, 32609219, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. Corporal Andreozzi, an assistant communications chief, was stringing wire behind a platoon of his company advancing across an open field, when intense enemy fire forced the platoon to seek cover in a position at the center of the field which permitted neither advance nor withdrawal. Corporal Andreozzi, locating the hostile machine gun emplacement from the point where he was stringing wire, crawled across the field to the platoon despite the fact that his action drew aimed small arms fire from the enemy, and secured a bazooka and a supply of rockets. Returning to the open field, he placed himself in a location from which he could direct fire upon the emplacement, single-handedly loaded and fired the rocket-launcher, and put the enemy machine gun out of action, thereby allowing the platoon to continue its advance. Corporal Andreozzi's daring and initiative served as an inspiring example to his comrades-in-arms and reflect high credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry P Rahn, 36733969, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 10 October 1944. Technician Rahn, an aid man, accompanied a platoon of engineers on a mine-laying operation near * * * on the night of 10 October 1944. When a truck load of antitank mines exploded and caused numerous casualties among members of the platoon, Corporal Rahn, although himself severely wounded and able to use only one hand, made his way through an inferno of burning wreckage and administered first

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aid to fourteen wounded soldiers, then searched the area to ascertain that none had been overlooked before he permitted himself to be evacuated. His intrepidity, coolness, and loyalty to his wounded comrades symbolize the high traditions of the Medical Department of the Army and reflect the highest credit upon Technician Rahn's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

IV — SILVER STAR (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 Silver Star previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant Patrick Gorham Jr, 38071500, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 11 August 1944. During the advance of his company against strong enemy positions near * * *, Sergeant Gorham, a squad leader, volunteered to lead a patrol into enemy territory to secure information of enemy strength and dispositions. He led the patrol skillfully through the enemy lines and secured the desired information, then proceeded to return to his organization. The patrol was intercepted by an enemy force on the return trip, whereupon Sergeant Gorham, with utter disregard for personal safety, stood fast and fearlessly engaged the enemy force, enabling other members of his patrol to return to their lines with the vital information. Sergeant Gorham has been killed in action since this engagement. His gallantry, zealous devotion to duty, and determination that the mission at hand be accomplished without thought of personal safety or welfare reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Gorham's character as a fighting infantryman. Entered military service from Arizona.

V — 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, posthumously, to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant William C Fessenden, 01310429, 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 13 July 1944. Lieutenant Fessenden, a reconnaissance officer, volunteered to relieve a forward observer who was near exhaustion from continuous duty at an observation post on the front lines. During the course of heavy fighting throughout the night and the following day, Lieutenant Fessenden exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to direct and adjust fire upon enemy positions in hedgerows to the front. His accurate fire direction was a vital factor in the success of the unit mission. Lieutenant Fessenden was killed by shell fragments during this engagement. Entered military service from California.

Second Lieutenant John R Orr, 0505369, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 10 August 1944. During the course of heavy fighting around * * *, Lieutenant Orr, a forward observer for Cannon Company, * * * Infantry, exposed himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions to direct fire upon enemy positions. His accurate fire direction, coolness under fire, and disregard for personal safety, contributed to the success of his company in supporting the attack of the * * * Infantry. Lieutenant Orr was killed by enemy action as he moved his observation post forward during a night attack. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant Walter J Heidlebrink, 37034652, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, on 11 July 1944. Sergeant Heidlebrink, accompanied by another enlisted man, crawled into an open field under enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate the body of a comrade-in-arms who had been killed by enemy fire. The heroic action of Sergeant Heidlebrink in undertaking to save a comrade, whom he did not know had been killed, is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

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Technical Sergeant Elbert T Orr, 6292203, 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 August 1944. During the action following the capture of * * * , an advance platoon of the battalion was cut off by the enemy and subjected to heavy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant Orr, leader of a nearby platoon, discovered a possible route of escape for the trapped unit. As he voluntarily went forward to establish contact with the isolated group, he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. Sergeant Orr's heroism, devotion to duty and loyalty to his comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Emil F Koziol, 37034336, 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 12 July 1944. Sergeant Koziol was in charge of a mortar section assigned the mission of supporting the attack of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, against strongly held enemy positions on Hill 108. During an intense enemy artillery barrage concentrated on the area occupied by this section, the attacking infantry called for mortar fire. When the members of his section showed reluctance to leave their foxholes, Sergeant Koziol went forward alone and proceeded to place a mortar in action. Inspired by his example, the men immediately returned to their mortars and placed fire upon enemy targets in support of the attack. Sergeant Koziol was killed by enemy action during this operation. The heroic actions of Sergeant Koziol, his disregard for personal safety, and his zeal for the accomplishment of his mission, are in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Orville G Westre, 37152746, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 11 August 1944. Sergeant Westre, a platoon guide, voluntarily led a patrol into enemy territory with the mission of securing information relative to enemy strength and dispositions. It was necessary for this patrol to move through open fields, across five hundred yards of swampland, and along a railroad right of way. Displaying strong and aggressive leadership and initiative, and acting with disregard for his personal safety in the face of aimed enemy small arms fire and intermittent shellfire, Sergeant Westre accomplished his mission and returned to his organization with information which proved valuable in subsequent operations in this sector. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Arthur M Staley, 31315751, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 11 August 1944. During the course of a withdrawal by his company from a position made untenable by enemy advances on both flanks, Private Staley, a rifleman, discovered that a wounded comrade had been left lying in an open field. Acting voluntarily and in spite of heavy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, he returned to the field and administered first aid to the wounded soldier, while the enemy continued to advance. Cut off by enemy action and unable to remove his comrade to safety, Private Staley remained with him, rendering such aid as was possible and feigning death whenever hostile groups passed by. When darkness finally set in, he carried the wounded man to our own lines. Private Staley's disregard for personal safety and unselfish loyalty to a comrade reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph D Alexander, 0300475, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, 10 September to 8 October 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Lieutenant Colonel James F Eason, 0304236, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France during the period 18 June to 11 October 1944. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Captain Robert H Houk, 01110011, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, from 25 September to 13 October, 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Tim Mercer, 01103801, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, 10 July to 10 October 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain Sperie Perakos, 01040998, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France during the period 18 June to 13 October 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Captain Fred B Waters Jr, 025449, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 10 July to 10 October 1944. Entered ~~military service~~ from California.

First Lieutenant Jack C Deamer, 01550356, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 10 July to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Utah.

Technical Sergeant John B Menke, 37162224 (then staff sergeant), 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 13 July 1944. When the advance of his squad was halted by heavy enemy fire during an attack against strong enemy positions on Hill 108, Sergeant Menke directed the squad to proceed to a designated point under the guidance of the assistant squad leader, then he stepped to an exposed position and commenced firing his rifle so as to focus attention of the enemy upon himself, and continued firing despite the fact that he was seriously wounded by the concentration of fire directed at him. His heroic action enabled his squad to reach its new position without casualties. Sergeant Menke's courage and devotion to duty in deliberately exposing himself to direct enemy fire in order that his squad might continue its advance, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Walter L Soltanek, 20607761 (then staff sergeant), 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, 11 July 1944. Sergeant Soltanek, a squad leader, reorganized his platoon under heavy enemy fire after the platoon leader, platoon sergeant and platoon guide had become casualties during an attack. Under his inspiring leadership, the platoon destroyed two machine gun nests in a sunken road and forced the enemy to abandon strongly fortified positions. Sergeant Soltanek's courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Darvin M Stephens, 36679874 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 12 August 1944. Sergeant Stephens, a squad leader, assumed command of his platoon when the platoon leader had become a casualty, and led it safely from a position surrounded by enemy troops. He personally reconnoitered possible routes of withdrawal in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, and then succeeded in moving the entire platoon from its precarious position without loss. The qualities of leadership, courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stephens reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Medley L Brown, 20732762, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on 26 September 1944, near * * * , France. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant Robert S Beach, 32571910 (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, 12 August 1944. When the First Platoon of Company A, * * * Infantry, was ordered to make a limited withdrawal during the operation against * * *, Sergeant Beach, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, remained in his position on his own initiative, and delivered intense fire upon the enemy, thereby enabling the platoon to complete the withdrawal with a minimum of casualties, and to reorganize for attack. The courageous actions of Sergeant Beach in the face of heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire were an inspiration to his comrades-in-arms, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Loren L Coon, 37134702, 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. While advancing in the * * * sector, a light machine gun section lost contact with the platoon to which it was attached, but proceeded on toward high ground to the front where they encountered heavy enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire. Directing other members of the section to take cover, Sergeant Coon, a squad leader, accompanied by two other noncommissioned officers, engaged the enemy in a fire fight and held their hazardous forward position for four hours under constant enemy observation and fire before withdrawing. Sergeant Coon's heroic action in conjunction with his comrades-in-arms resulted in the infliction of heavy losses among superior enemy forces. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Millard W Good, 35000664, 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 12 August 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Homer A Ingles, 15087069, 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 13 July 1944. Sergeant Ingles led his heavy machine gun section forward in support of an attack by a rifle company against strongly defended enemy positions on Hill 108 in the * * * sector. During the attack he ably directed fire of his machine guns until the attacking riflemen had secured their objective. In accordance with previous instructions, Sergeant Ingles prepared to withdraw his section, but at this time the enemy launched a strong counterattack, forcing the rifle company to make a limited withdrawal. Sergeant Ingles, on his own initiative, remained in his forward position to support the withdrawal. His courageous action resulted in heavy losses to the enemy, enabled the rifle company to withdraw with minimum casualties, and contributed to the subsequent successful completion of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert E Shives, 37111580 (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, 9 August 1944. During an attack against strongly defended enemy positions, the heavy machine gun squad led by Sergeant Shives was attached to a company whose advance had been delayed by determined hostile fire. Without hesitation, Sergeant Shives placed his machine gun in an exposed position and opened fire upon the opposing force. Although this action caused the enemy to concentrate heavy fire upon Sergeant Shives, he remained at his machine gun until the company had successfully continued its advance. His exemplary devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety greatly contributed to the success of his unit in this operation, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Harry C Urbanus, 36556137, 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, 28 July 1944. During defensive operations near * * *, Sergeant Urbanus' platoon was forced to make a limited withdrawal. In order to cover this movement, Sergeant Urbanus placed himself in an advantageous position and delivered intense fire on a hostile machine gun emplacement and advancing enemy troops.

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This courageous action, while exposing Sergeant Urbanus to concentrated return fire from the opposing force, momentarily diverted the enemy's attention from the rest of the platoon, which was thus enabled to effect its withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant Urbanus suffered a serious wound as a result of his unselfish service. His heroism, initiative and loyalty to his comrades reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Frank A Weigand, 18104518, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Staff Sergeant Arley C White, 35205474, 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. While advancing in the * * * sector, a light machine gun section lost contact with the platoon to which it was attached, but proceeded on toward high ground to the front where they encountered heavy enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire. Directing other members of his section to take cover, Sergeant White, a section leader, and two other noncommissioned officers engaged the enemy in a fire fight and held their hazardous forward position for four hours under constant enemy fire and observation before withdrawing. Sergeant White's heroic action in conjunction with his comrades-in-arms resulted in the infliction of heavy losses among superior enemy forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Paul L Rice, 38191743, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Daniel A Wisniewski, 36611048, 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. While advancing in the * * * sector, a light machine gun section lost contact with the platoon to which it was attached, but proceeded on toward high ground to the front where they encountered heavy enemy machine gun and automatic weapons fire. Directing other members of the section to take cover, Sergeant Wisniewski, a squad leader, and two other noncommissioned officers engaged the enemy in a fire fight and held their hazardous forward position for four hours under constant enemy observation and fire before withdrawing. Sergeant Wisniewski's heroic action in conjunction with his comrades-in-arms resulted in the infliction of heavy losses among superior forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Leander C Borden, 34390826, 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. On the night of 30 September, near * * * , enemy artillery and mortar fire constantly disrupted wire communications between an infantry command post and a forward observation post. Despite the intense enemy fire concentrated upon the area, and despite the fact that the enemy was ambushing other wire crews in the immediate vicinity, Corporal Borden, a scout, assisted by two other enlisted men, succeeded in maintaining the lines of communication, thereby enabling the forward observer to call for the effective field artillery fire that frustrated an attempted enemy counterattack. Corporal Borden's devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Alabama.

Corporal Thomas D Scroggins, 34683802, Field Artillery, 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 16 July 1944. During a particularly intense enemy artillery barrage, communications between attacking infantry units and supporting artillery was disrupted by the enemy fire. Realizing the urgent necessity of restoring communications, and unwilling to risk the lives of other members of his wire section, Corporal Scroggins personally proceeded to make the necessary repairs despite the continuing artillery barrage. His courage, coolness, and outstanding devotion to duty contributed to the success of the ensuing action, and reflect credit upon Corporal Scroggins' character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Corporal Floyd J Vaughn, 37378713, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade William R Wylie Jr, 36606675, 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 11 September 1944. During an assault crossing of the * * * River, the infantry unit to which Technician Wylie, a radio operator, was attached was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire while moving across an open field. Inasmuch as he could not operate his radio from his position in the open field, and realizing the importance of keeping the radio in operation due to the lack of other means of communication, Technician Wylie crawled through the field of fire, dragging the heavy radio with him, and succeeded in reaching cover. From this position he directed artillery fire against the enemy positions, thus enabling the infantry unit to maneuver into position for a continuation of their attack. Technician Wylie's tenacity of purpose and zealous devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Braman R Sides, 34701691, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 20 August to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class DeWill T Clanton, 34701911, 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 8 October 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Marvin E Laws, 37382551, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Beecher C Milligan, 34527004, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 9 August 1944. Private Milligan, a rifle squad scout, crawled over a hedgerow and across open ground to the side of a wounded member of another company and, while exposed to intense enemy fire, administered first aid to this soldier and dragged him across a field to safety. This action, performed voluntarily in the face of enemy artillery, machine gun and aimed small arms fire, reflects credit upon Private Milligan's character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military from Tennessee.

Private Carlo C Corbo, 32788621, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Private Alvin B Goodwin, 33651194, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 15 September 1944. In the assault against enemy positions on the east bank of the * * * River, casualties of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, lay on the hostile shore. Despite the intense enemy fire concentrated upon the river, Private Goodwin, an assistant ambulance driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle across the shallow depth, in order to evacuate the wounded to the battalion aid station on the west bank of the river. Aided by his driver, Private Goodwin succeeded in his task, making several trips across the river under heavy enemy fire. His courage, initiative and resourcefulness reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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Private Philip A McFarland, 35273262, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 15 September 1944. In the assault against enemy positions on the east bank of the * * * River, casualties of the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, lay on the hostile shore. Despite the intense enemy fire concentrated upon the river, Private McFarland, an ambulance driver, volunteered to drive his vehicle across the shallow depth, in order to evacuate the wounded to the battalion aid station on the west bank of the river. Aided by his assistant driver, Private McFarland succeeded in his task, making several trips across the river under heavy enemy fire. His courage, initiative and resourcefulness reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Ohio.

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

First Lieutenant Claude H Birkett, 01167744, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 18 July to 30 September 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Air Observer, Lieutenant Birkett distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Birkett in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from New York.

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

First Lieutenant Russell H Miller, 01182486, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 22 August to 28 September 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Lieutenant Miller distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Lieutenant Miller in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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

Captain William F Hesselbach, 01177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over enemy lines near * * * , France, 29 September 1944. Captain Hesselbach, Liaison Pilot, displayed unusually calm, deliberate and courageous action in accomplishing the destruction of an enemy battery while undergoing intense 88mm antiaircraft fire. He continued to fly at low altitude through this intense fire until his mission was accomplished. Due to his skill and tenacity of purpose without regard for personal safety, under hazardous flying conditions, an enemy battery was neutralized and the plane, pilot and observer returned safely to their air field. His example of calm courage and devotion to duty at great personal risk is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

IX — SILVER STAR. So much of section III, General Orders No 45, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 19 October 1944, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Louis V Marsh, 01056160, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, as reads "a member of the Civil Affairs Section, * * * Infantry" is corrected to read "a member of Military Intelligence Interpreter Team * * *, on duty with * * * Infantry".

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X — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section VI, General Orders No 45, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 19 October 1944, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Edwin F Coad, 37229243, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, as reads "18 June to 11 October 1944" is corrected to read "12 July to 11 October 1944".

XI — PURPLE HEART. So much of section VI, General Orders No 34, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 19 September 1944, as pertains to Private First Class Walter J Schwartz 39083423, Field Artillery, is rescinded.

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