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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 Patrick Gorham Jr, 38071500, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action, in the vicinity of * * * , France, on ~~11~~ 10 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. 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.

Staff Sergeant Harold E Hudson, 20726593, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, ~~27 September~~ 1 October 1944. After an enemy counterattack had forced his mortar section to withdraw, Sergeant Hudson, a squad leader, established a new position, after which, assisted by another noncommissioned officer, he attempted to return to the previous position in order to recover the weapons carrier and other valuable equipment. He was wounded by mortar fire, but determinedly continued on his mission. Reaching his destination, Sergeant Hudson and his companion were driving the vehicle from the area when enemy tank fire killed him and his companion. The gallantry in action displayed by Sergeant Hudson, his fortitude and devotion to duty, are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Kansas. Amended GO 27/45

Sergeant John W Sutton, 20760001, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 8 and 9 August 1944. When the infantry unit to which his forward observer section was attached was attacked and cut off from rear elements by enemy tanks and rocket-firing infantry, Sergeant Sutton acted as an observer under enemy mortar and small arms fire, directing accurate artillery fire upon enemy positions. On the following day, while accompanying an officer and another enlisted man on a reconnaissance patrol, the group was fired upon from behind a hedgerow. Although he did not know the strength of the enemy in this position, Sergeant Sutton leaped across the hedgerow without hesitation, killed one German and forced the others to withdraw. Later that day, 9 August 1944, Sergeant Sutton was killed by shell fragments during an enemy mortar barrage. His intrepid actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Entered military service from Kansas.

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

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Captain Stanton L Myers, 0266450, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, France, on 8 and 9 October 1944. On 8 October, two companies of the * * * Infantry, together with two platoons from the * * * Infantry, were given the mission of seizing the town of * * *. Despite stiff enemy resistance, sniper activity and heavy enemy fire, this force fought its way forward and secured the town that evening. On the following morning, enemy tanks and infantry moved into the north edge of the town, but were driven back after heavy fighting. Throughout this action, Captain Myers, Commanding Officer, Company L, * * * Infantry, moved among forward elements of his company, urging his troops forward and making numerous personal reconnaissance trips to enable his unit to advance with minimum casualties. By his dynamic aggressiveness and cool-headed display of tactical ability under enemy observation and fire, he inspired his troops with a determination to succeed. Captain Myers' gallant leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of this operation, and reflects the highest credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Hubert H Stephens, 0387707, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, France, on 8 and 9 October 1944. On 8 October, two companies of the * * * Infantry, together with two platoons from the * * * Infantry, were given the mission of seizing the town of * * *. Despite stubborn enemy resistance, this force fought its way forward and secured the town that evening. On the following morning, enemy tanks and infantry moved into the north edge of the town but were driven back after a fierce fire fight during the course of which six enemy tanks were destroyed and over a hundred Germans, including a tank officer, were captured. Throughout this action, Captain Stephens, Commanding Officer, Company K, * * * Infantry, made personal reconnaissance under enemy observation and fire, enabling his troops to advance with minimum casualties. His dynamic leadership, tactical acumen, and personal bravery under fire served as an inspiration to his troops, and contributed to the success of this operation. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Edward K Hum Jr, 01322031, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * *, France, 18 September 1944. When Companies A and C, * * * Infantry, drove the enemy from * * * Hill and occupied this high ground, the enemy counterattacked after dark, mortally wounding the commanding officer of Company A. Lieutenant Hum, Executive Officer of Company A, assumed command and led his troops in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. In the darkness and confusion, the men of Company A became separated. Companies A and C then withdrew and the enemy retook the hill. At daylight, Lieutenant Hum discovered that he and eleven of his men remained on the high ground, surrounded by the enemy. Exercising sound judgment, coolness and outstanding leadership, Lieutenant Hum then led his men through the enemy line to the foot of the hill, reorganized the remainder of Company A and joined with the third battalion in an attack that successfully retook the high ground. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Lawrence Malmed, 01303750, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of the * * *, France, 29 September 1944. During defensive operations near the * * *, Lieutenant Malmed, Commanding Officer of Company L, * * * Infantry, had set up his command post in a captured German pillbox. Suddenly a strong German patrol confronted his position, attacking it with machine pistols and hand grenades. In the ensuing fire fight, the two enlisted men who were with Lieutenant Malmed were wounded, and the entire group captured. At this moment, reinforcements, whom the Americans had requested from the battalion before their capture, arrived and forced all the men to seek shelter in the pillbox while the battle continued. Lieutenant Malmed then persuaded the Germans to release him and his men, become his prisoners instead, and render first aid to the wounded soldiers. At the conclusion of the engagement, he was thus able to return to his lines with twelve prisoners of war. His daring and resourceful actions reflect credit upon his character as an officer, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Second Lieutenant James C Keener, 0887529 (then technician third grade), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army, for gallantry in action 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 heavy fire, he again entered the enemy territory with his squad and succeeded in evacuating the remaining wounded soldiers. Lieutenant Keener's gallant actions, his devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, are in accord with the highest traditions of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Saul J Joseph, 20607928, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 16 September 1944. In the advance against * * * , the enemy offered strong resistance, retarding attacking platoons of the * * * Infantry. In order to increase the effectiveness of his weapons platoon's support of the assaulting units, Sergeant Joseph, acting platoon leader, ordered his gun crew to serve as ammunition handlers while he assumed operation of the crew's light machine gun. In vain, the enemy attempted to silence his weapon, for although wounded by mortar fire, Sergeant Joseph tenaciously held his position until his fire was masked by the advance of his own troops. Only then did he allow himself to be evacuated. Sergeant Joseph's gallantry in action is in accord with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Jerome F Fox, 37097143, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, 20 September 1944. After the First Platoon, Antitank Company, * * * Infantry had established its defensive position near * * * , Private Fox, a driver, entered a field to cut camouflage for his vehicle, in which he had left his rifle. When he noticed and was investigating freshly-dug foxholes, he discovered they contained a German officer armed with a machine pistol, and two enlisted men with rifles. While they pointed their weapons at him, Private Fox, though completely unarmed, pretended he held a hand grenade behind him, and ordered the enemy to drop their weapons. Believing the ruse, the enemy threw down their weapons, whereupon Private Fox snatched the machine pistol, and took his prisoners to the prisoner of war collecting point. Private Fox's courage, resourcefulness and gallantry in action are in accord with military tradition. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Charles P Konarski, 33606675, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action at * * * , France, 29 September 1944. On 29 September Company F, * * * Infantry, attacked the village of * * * , France, encountering heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. The advance continued into the village, where the company engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting. Private Konarski, a rifleman, was wounded in the early phase of the operation. Disregarding his condition, and although his wounds made it difficult for him to walk, he continued the assault with his platoon, entered house after house searching for Germans, and killed ten of the enemy. His aggressive and gallant actions were responsible for clearing the enemy from the buildings on one side of the street, enabling a squad to his right to advance quickly and encircle the remainder of the opposing force in that vicinity. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

III -- 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 to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Leo E Thomas, 01306768, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the * * * , France, on 29 September 1944. As he moved through the * * * ahead of his platoon, Lieutenant Thomas encountered a group of Germans who demanded his surrender. Lieutenant Thomas fired into the group, dropped to the ground, and ordered his platoon to deploy. Strong forces of the enemy opened fire, causing casualties among members of the platoon. Despite the grave personal

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danger, Lieutenant Thomas quickly organized his platoon into a skirmish line and closed with the enemy. Throughout the action he moved among his troops giving encouragement and directing their movement, despite the fact that he was subjected to aimed fire. The attack was so effective that more than twenty Germans were captured and the remainder killed. The gallantry, aggressive leadership, unswerving devotion to duty, and high order of personal bravery displayed by Lieutenant Thomas reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from Indiana.

IV — SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Arthur C Waters Jr, 01181796, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroism near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When two trucks, one of which was loaded with ammunition, collided near * * *, the ammunition was set afire and burned fiercely. Lieutenant Waters, who arrived on the scene immediately after the accident, rushed to the vehicles, assisted the occupants of the burning truck to safety, extinguished two soldiers' burning clothes and sent the men to an aid station. Then, on his own initiative and although he had to make his way through exploding ammunition, he returned to the danger zone and evacuated other injured infantrymen. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he finally went back to the burning vehicle for a third time and conducted a further search to assure himself that all personnel had been cleared from the area. Lieutenant Waters' heroism and loyalty to his comrades-in-arms reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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 enlisted man:

Corporal William G Land, 20726647, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 25 September 1944. Corporal Land, a chauffeur, Company M, * * * Infantry, had driven an officer to a unit of the * * * Infantry. While the officer was inside the command post, Corporal Land was in the act of moving his vehicle to a place unexposed to the heavy enemy artillery fire to which the area was then being subjected, when he was seriously wounded by an exploding enemy artillery shell. Despite his serious and painful wounds, Corporal Land completed moving his vehicle to safety. He died as a result of his wounds. Corporal Land's devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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:

Captain Robert E Heine, 0376069, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 9 August to 21 September 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

First Lieutenant Carmen L Lierly, 01171250, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 9 and 10 October 1944. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Charles T Lloyd, 01322244, 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 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Connecticut.

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First Lieutenant Robert T McNally, 01299923, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of the * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. As he was leading his heavy machine gun section in defense of a gap between two infantry regiments, Lieutenant McNally received a message to join his company commander at a road junction to help defend it against a strong enemy patrol which had infiltrated the lines. Upon arriving at the road junction with his section, he found the company commander and three enlisted men gallantly holding this position in the face of heavy enemy fire. After setting up a heavy machine gun near the road junction, Lieutenant McNally, the company commander, and a platoon sergeant each led a group of men forward against the enemy patrol. Lieutenant McNally constantly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire, moving freely among his troops as he directed their fire and movement against the numerically superior German patrol. His dynamic leadership and aggressive action contributed to the rout of the enemy patrol. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant William R Truxal, 01316686, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of the * * * , France, from 28 September to 3 October 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Claude R Wright, 0517763, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 15 August to 10 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant James T Brackman, 01320352, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the vicinity of the * * * , France, on 27 September 1944. Lieutenant Brackman, a platoon leader, established his heavy machine gun section in defense of the left flank of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, then heavily engaged with the enemy in the * * * . He skillfully directed fire of his section in covering the withdrawal of the rifle company on his right to an alternate position. He then led his troops in a fighting withdrawal to the flank of the rifle company, personally killing three of the enemy who had infiltrated behind his section, and reorganized his troops in the new position. Lieutenant Brackman's dynamic leadership and fighting spirit reflect high credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Harry H Chevalier, 01302111, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , 29 September 1944. While Lieutenant Chevalier's platoon was moving forward to support a unit of another regiment, the enemy opened fire from concealed machine gun positions to the front and from both flanks, creating confusion among some of the men who had had little experience in battle. Exposing himself almost continually to aimed enemy fire, Lieutenant Chevalier directed the setting up of his light machine gun and opened fire upon the hostile positions, setting such an example of courage and clear-thinking leadership that his men were roused to destroy an enemy machine gun crew and made it possible for the supported platoon to continue its advance. Entered military service from New York.

Master Sergeant John D Cain, 6970064, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 12 July to 15 October 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

First Sergeant Carl W Koch, 20725115, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, 30 September 1944. When his company had been ordered to withdraw because of enemy infiltretion and the fact that German machine guns had opened fire from concealed positions only a few yards distant, Sergeant Koch, believing that his company commander had become a casualty, hastily reorganized two platoons and directed their movement through a draw which constituted the only possible route of escape. He continued in his task in spite of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which was causing casualties all around him, and was the last man to leave the area. His courageous and resourceful actions enabled the company to establish defensive positions and halt the enemy counterattack. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technical Sergeant Albert M Engle, 39604629, 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 27 September 1944. When a squad leader, maneuvering his squad toward an enemy machine gun which had been subjecting our troops to heavy and accurate fire, was wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Engle, a platoon sergeant in Company G, * * * Infantry, went to his aid, directed his evacuation, then reorganized the squad and deployed them for a continuation of the attack on the enemy gun. Inspired by his personal bravery and coolness under fire, this squad pressed forward and destroyed the enemy position, enabling the company to continue its advance. Sergeant Engle was seriously wounded during this action. His courageous leadership contributed materially to the success of his unit in this operation, and reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Henry K Bauer, 15353521, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Sergeant Bauer was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Sergeant Bauer and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Bauer, reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant Leo F Rufkahr, 37130021, 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.

Technical Sergeant Raymond W Vanek, 20732989, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 25 July to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Cyril J Barta, 37162732, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Sergeant Barta was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Sergeant Barta and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Barta, reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Dakota.

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Staff Sergeant Fredrick C Doering, 20734441, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 8 and 9 October 1944. Sergeant Doering assisted in setting up an observation post in * * *, and assisted in adjusting artillery fire upon enemy positions despite harassing sniper fire. On the following morning, five German Tiger tanks entered the town, captured several prisoners, then proceeded to high ground and placed fire upon the main routes into the town. Sergeant Doering, from an observation post within one hundred yards of the enemy positions, assisted in adjusting artillery fire upon enemy reinforcements. His efficient performance under enemy fire and observation was a contributing factor in the success of our forces in repulsing a strong enemy attack. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Robert W Bowman Jr, 33513680, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Sergeant Bowman was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Sergeant Bowman and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Bowman reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Donald C McAllister, 39925508, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Sergeant McAllister was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Sergeant McAllister and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant McAllister reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Utah.

Sergeant James E Ash, 34760515, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * *, France, 28 September 1944. When the heavy machine gun section of Company M, * * * Infantry, led by Sergeant Ash was cut off from its parent unit by infiltrating German troops, it continued to direct harassing fire against the enemy although the supply of ammunition was low and no food or water was available. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Ash made his way through the enemy lines, established contact with his company, and returned to his men with vital supplies. He repeated this performance several times, enabling his machine gun squad to hold its original position until reinforcements arrived and the enemy was cleared from the area. Sergeant Ash's courage, initiative and outstanding leadership reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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Sergeant Fred W Brown, 19055545, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, at * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. When enemy shelling set fire to a building in which ammunition was stored, Sergeant Brown, ammunition section leader, disregarding personal safety, entered the building and separated the undamaged rounds from those burning. When the shelling ceased, he organized a detail to extinguish the fire. When enemy shellfire resumed, causing his detail to take cover, Sergeant Brown continued to throw water on the fire until it was extinguished. His courageous action prevented the loss of vital supplies of ammunition. Entered military service from Montana.

Sergeant Eugene E Parker, 37070844, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. Sergeant Parker, a communications sergeant, and his commanding officer were severely wounded as they led their company out of an area subjected to heavy enemy fire. Unable to evacuate the wounded officer himself, Sergeant Parker made his way to the rear, and led a tank destroyer forward. When the intensity of the enemy fire prevented the tank destroyer from proceeding, Sergeant Parker made a gallant attempt to reach his wounded commander, but was prevented from doing so by the severity of his own wounds. Entered military service from Kansas

Sergeant Robert O Pehrson, 39100562, 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, 29 September 1944. While executing his assignment as a corporal gunner on 29 September, when the enemy subjected his battery to heavy concentrations of counter-battery fire. Sergeant Pehrson observed two wounded soldiers lying in an open field exposed to the enemy fire. Leaving the protection of his gun pit, he went forward under the heavy enemy fire, assisted by two other soldiers, in order to administer first aid to the wounded men and carry them to the safety of his gun emplacement. Sergeant Pehrson's disregard for personal safety and his unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Gale Van Slyke, 37378856, 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, 29 September 1944. While executing his assignment as a section chief on 29 September, when the enemy subjected his battery to heavy concentrations of counter-battery fire, Sergeant Van Slyke observed two wounded soldiers lying in an open field exposed to the enemy fire. Leaving the protection of his gun pit, assisted by two other soldiers, he went forward under the heavy enemy fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded men. Then, assisted by his companions, he carried the wounded men to safety. Sergeant Van Slyke's disregard for personal safety and his unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Uno B Hermanson, 37152606, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 30 July 1944. On the morning of 30 July 1944, while on a combined security-reconnaissance mission, the Second Platoon, * * * Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, was trapped by a German concealed defensive position of three self-propelled artillery pieces and several machine guns. In the ensuing exchange of fire, two men were wounded. They fell on the road under enemy observation, and as they were unable to move, were exposed to a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Disregarding his personal safety, and in the face of aimed enemy fire, Technician Hermanson assisted in removing the two wounded men to safety, saving them from further injury and possible capture by the enemy. His heroic action and loyalty to wounded comrades-in-arms reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Claude R Ferguson, 12169043 (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 * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. As Technician Ferguson, a rifleman, and three other enlisted men accompanied their company commander toward a machine gun position to the front, they were confronted by an enemy patrol of 15 well armed soldiers near a road junction. One of the enlisted men was sent for reinforcements, while Technician Ferguson and the other two enlisted men engaged the superior enemy force in a fire fight under the leadership of their company commander. This group heroically held off the enemy patrol until the arrival of reinforcements, then assisted in driving the remnants from the area. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Albert N Leone, 37171028, Ordnance Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 15 July to 1 August 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Hugh Mullan, 32295673, Cavalry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 30 July 1944. On the morning of 30 July while on a combined security-reconnaissance mission, the Second Platoon, * * * Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, was trapped by a German concealed defensive position of three self-propelled artillery pieces and several machine guns. In the ensuing exchange of fire, two men were wounded. They fell on the road under enemy observation, and as they were unable to move, were exposed to a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Disregarding his personal safety, and in the face of aimed enemy fire, Technician Mullan assisted in removing the two wounded men to safety, sparing them further injury and possible capture by the enemy. His heroic action and loyalty to wounded comrades-in-arms reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Silas E Armstrong, 33835504, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 30 September 1944. When his battalion moved to new positions in preparation for an attack, Private Armstrong, a wireman, assisted by other members of his crew, went forward in the face of a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to lay a line to the new command post. As he left the woods, a member of the crew was seriously wounded by the intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Armstrong continued upon his mission and, assisted by his companions, completed his mission while under enemy fire. Private Armstrong's tenacity of purpose, disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Alfred Desrochers, 31423896, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Desrochers was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Desrochers and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Desrochers reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class James H Douglass, 20726636, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * *, France, on 28 September 1944. As Private Douglass and three other enlisted men accompanied their company commander toward a machine gun position to the front, they were confronted by a well-armed enemy patrol of 15 soldiers near a road junction. One of the enlisted men was sent for reinforcements, while Private Douglass and the other two enlisted men engaged the superior enemy force in a fire fight under the leadership of their company commander. This group heroically held off the enemy patrol until the arrival of reinforcements, then assisted in driving the remnants from the area. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Private First Class Richard A Franklin, 42064171, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Franklin was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Franklin and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Franklin, reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Archie Gardiner Jr, 19060622, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, from 8 to 10 October 1944. During the fighting for the town of * * * , Private Gardiner served as messenger between the forward observer section of Battery A, * * * Field Artillery Battalion, and two infantry companies participating in the battle. Although constantly exposed to sniper, machine gun or artillery fire, he never failed to keep the forward observer section informed of the situation so that effective artillery fire could be directed on enemy positions. When remote control wires to a radio essential for proper fire direction had been disrupted, Private Gardiner made three complete trips from the observer post to the radio carrying fire commands and repairing the defective wire connections. His willingness to undertake numerous hazardous missions during this period was a material contribution to the success of the operations and served as an inspiration to his fellow-soldiers. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class James J Howard, 32712399, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 30 September 1944. When his battalion moved to new positions in preparation for an attack, Private Howard, a wireman, assisted by other members of his crew, went forward in the face of a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to lay a line to the new command post. As he left the woods, a member of the crew was seriously wounded by the intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Howard continued upon his mission, and, assisted by his companions, completed his mission while under enemy fire. Private Howard's tenacity of purpose, disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class John M Jessup, 15082753, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * , France, 26 September 1944. During a heavy counterattack by the enemy against the * * * Infantry's main line of resistance on the eastern edge of * * * , 26 September 1944, the intensity of the enemy attack caused numerous casualties among our troops. Because of the unavailability of litter-squads, Private Jessup, driver of an antitank ammunition truck, assisted by another soldier, secured a vehicle and made four trips in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, in order to evacuate the wounded. As a result of Private Jessup's initiative and disregard for personal safety, many of the wounded received prompt medical attention. Private Jessup's actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Indiana.

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Private First Class Lyle E Kaminski, 36683391, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Kaminski was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Kaminski and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Kaminski reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Earl L Lassley, 37209981, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 30 September 1944. When his battalion moved to new positions in preparation for an attack, Private Lassley, a wireman, assisted by other members of his crew, went forward in the face of a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to lay a line to the new command post. As he left the woods, a member of the crew was seriously wounded by the intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Lassley continued upon his mission and, assisted by his companions, completed his mission while under enemy fire. Private Lassley's tenacity of purpose, disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Jesse J Lopez Sr, 37731201, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Lopez was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movement succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Lopez and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Lopez reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Frank A Mancuso, 32780436, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 12 July 1944. While serving as a member of a light machine gun section which was covering the withdrawal of an exposed rifle platoon and the evacuation of wounded infantrymen, Private Mancuso was himself wounded. Despite his condition and the intensity of the enemy fire directed at him, he remained at his position and continued to fire his machine gun until the platoon operation had been successfully completed. Private Mancuso's heroism and zeal for the accomplishment of the mission at hand, and his utter disregard for personal safety and comfort reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Private First Class John R McClain, 34658781, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private McClain was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private McClain and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private McClain, reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class John T McNiff, 42041115, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private McNiff was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private McNiff and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private McNiff reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Wilmar Mikkelsen, 37145172, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 28 September 1944. On 28 September, the Second Platoon, Company D, * * * Infantry, together with a supported rifle company, was attacked by a strong enemy force including tanks. During a five-hour period, the platoon repulsed several such attacks. Private Mikkelsen, a machine gunner, sustained a broken left arm when struck by shrapnel during the second hour of the period. Despite his wound, Private Mikkelsen refused to leave his weapon until his section leader assumed its operation, at which time Private Mikkelsen remained with the position as ammunition handler. The courage, devotion to duty and tenacity of purpose displayed by Pvt Mikkelsen, despite his wound, enabled the supported company to withdraw successfully. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Joseph E Olson, 39467220, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, 29 September 1944. During defensive operations near the * * * , Private Olson, a radio operator, had assisted in establishing a command post in a captured pillbox together with his commanding officer and another enlisted man, when a fifteen-man enemy patrol suddenly attacked the emplacement. Private Olson opened fire on the enemy, killing several, and continued to defend the command post even after he had been wounded by machine pistol fire. His courageous action enabled his comrade to radio for help before the group was captured by the enemy force, so that reinforcements arrived shortly thereafter, freeing the three Americans and causing the surrender of the German patrol. Entered military service from Washington.

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Private First Class Sidney H Perry, 34663156, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, from 27 to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class Herman Postema, 35575393, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 29 September 1944. During defensive operations on the eastern edge of the * * *, Private Postema, a radio operator, had established a command post in a captured enemy pillbox together with his commanding officer and another enlisted man, when a fifteen-man enemy patrol suddenly attacked the emplacement. In the ensuing fire fight, Private Postema killed three Germans but was himself wounded by machine pistol fire. In spite of his condition, he was able to radio for help before the group was captured by the enemy force. As a result of his resourceful action, reinforcements arrived shortly thereafter, freeing the three Americans and causing the surrender of the German patrol. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Lester W Price, 34505896, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Price was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Price and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Price reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Warren A Roberson Jr, 38327871, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 27 September 1944. When more than two companies of enemy infantry, armed with machine pistols, semi-automatic rifles, and rocket-launchers, and supported by heavy mortar fire, attacked a road block established by Company A, * * * Infantry five hundred yards east of * * * on 27 September, it was imperative that the attack be repulsed in order to prevent splitting of the battalion's defensive positions and over-running of the battalion command post. The enemy laid a preparatory barrage of tree-bursting mortar fire, under which it launched its attack, taking advantage of the rough terrain and covering the company's flanks with automatic fire in order to avoid the road block. Private Roberson was one of the group assigned the mission of guarding the road block. Assisted by his comrades, he repulsed two enemy attacks, despite the enemy's advantage of extended lines and greater numbers. Although the enemy's movements succeeded in bringing fire upon the road block group from the rear, Private Roberson and his comrades tenaciously held their ground, and after more than four hours' fighting, forced the enemy to withdraw, leaving behind them nineteen dead, twenty-two prisoners and many wounded. No casualties were incurred in defense of the road block. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Private Roberson reflect credit upon his character and upon the military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma

Private First Class William P Watkins, 34136701, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 26 September 1944. During a heavy counterattack by the enemy against the * * * Infantry's main line of resistance on the eastern edge of * * *, the intensity of the enemy attack caused numerous

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casualties among our troops. Because of the unavailability of litter squads, Private Watkins, driver of an antitank ammunition truck, assisted by another soldier, secured a vehicle and made four trips in the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, in order to evacuate the wounded. As a result of Private Watkins' initiative and disregard for personal safety, many of the wounded received prompt medical attention. Private Watkins' actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Kurt Weinstock, 32868983, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, from 11 July to 27 September 1944, in France. Entered military service from New York.

Private William R Carver, 34503727, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. During the course of an enemy artillery barrage which preceded a sharp enemy counterattack along the eastern edge of the * * * , Private Carver, an ammunition handler, went forward under enemy observation to aid a wounded rifleman who was lying in an exposed position. After first applying a tourniquet improvised from his belt, Private Carver picked up the wounded man and evacuated him to an aid station. His heroic action saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Charles R Connaway, 20724336, 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 24 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Thor Giles, 34893423, 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, 29 September 1944. While executing his assignment as a cannoneer on 29 September, when the enemy subjected his battery to heavy concentrations of counter-battery fire, Private Giles observed two wounded soldiers lying in an open field exposed to the enemy fire. Leaving the protection of his gun pit, assisted by two other soldiers, he went forward under the heavy enemy fire in order to administer first aid to the wounded men. Then, assisted by his companions, he carried the wounded men to safety. Private Giles' disregard for personal safety and his unselfish loyalty to wounded comrades, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private Gramm F Lutz Jr, 33612141, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, 28 September 1944. Knowing that several wounded men were lying exposed to the fire of enemy tanks which were only a few hundred yards away, Private Lutz made his way to the side of a seriously wounded soldier although an enemy Mark IV tank was in the immediate vicinity. As he was rendering first aid to his comrade and attempted to evacuate him, he was himself slightly wounded by an enemy shell which burst in a tree directly next to his position. In spite of his condition, he completed the evacuation with the help of another aid man. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Jose Ortega, 38441284, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, 27 September 1944. When the enemy had completely surrounded his machine gun emplacement, Private Ortega held his heavy machine gun in his arms and from an upright position in which he was fully exposed to enemy fire, commenced firing at the Germans. As his companions were endeavoring to make their way to a new location, he covered the movement with his weapon while walking along with the group, checking the enemy advance and enabling the machine gun squad to extricate itself from its precarious position. His courage and initiative reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

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Private Esten R Taylor, 34701792, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, on 27 September 1944. Entered military service from Alabama.

VII -- 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, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following enlisted men of this command:

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 in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 28 September 1944. While his heavy machine gun section was engaged in defense of a gap between two infantry regiments, Sergeant Albright received a message to report to his company commander at a road junction. Upon arriving at the road junction with his section, he found his company commander and three enlisted men gallantly holding this position in the face of heavy fire from a German patrol which had infiltrated our lines. Sergeant Albright, the company commander, and another officer each led a group of men forward against the enemy patrol. Sergeant Albright constantly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire in order to direct the fire and movement of his troops. His aggressive leadership contributed to the rout of the numerically superior German patrol. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Delmar T Nejo, 39230958, 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 8 October 1944. For a period of more than fourteen hours, Sergeant Nejo accompanied a tank-infantry combat team engaged in an attack against the enemy near * * *, France, administering first aid to innumerable casualties and evacuating thirty-five wounded soldiers. He voluntarily entered the town of * * * while a fire fight was still in progress. On two occasions, a tire on his vehicle was punctured by enemy shellfire, and on both occasions he promptly changed tires under enemy observation and fire. He entered three disabled tanks to check for casualties. Sergeant Nejo's courageous and efficient performance under enemy fire, his disregard for personal safety, and his zealous devotion to duty reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Frank M Swanson, 37005970, Infantry, United States Army, for
eroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the
ited States in the vicinity of * * *, France, 27 September 1944. After his
avy machine gun was in position as part of the main line of resistance establish-
the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry on the eastern edge of * * *, 27 Septem-
ergeant Swanson, a squad leader, occupied an observation post well forward
weapon in order to direct artillery fire. An enemy attack forced the with-
of supporting units, so that Sergeant Swanson's position became isolated.
this fact, he remained at his post, directing artillery fire by telephone.
y tanks and infantry fired upon his position from a distance of one hun-
, disrupting his telephone communications, he tenaciously and fearlessly
t his position and continued to call fire orders by radio. Sergeant
ntrepid actions enabled the artillery to thwart the enemy attack, and
it upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from

Ray H Rawlings, 20725208, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic
nection with military operations against an enemy of the United
* * *, France, on 28 September 1944. As Corporal Rawlings and three
men accompanied their company commander toward a machine gun posi-
ont, they were confronted by a well-armed enemy patrol of 15 soldiers
action. One of the enlisted men was sent for reinforcements, while
gs and the other two enlisted men engaged the superior enemy force
under the leadership of their company commander. This group
off the enemy patrol until the arrival of reinforcements, then
ing the remnants from the area. Entered military service from

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Fifth Grade Harvey E Parsons, 36862608, Medical Department, United
heroic service in connection with military operations against an
ted States near * * * , France, 20 and 21 September 1944. When his
destroyed by enemy artillery fire near * * * , Technician Parsons,
Medical Detachment, * * * Infantry, assisted by another enlisted
ous trips on foot to the front lines in order to evacuate the wound-
station. Working with tireless energy and disregard for personal
out 20 and 21 September, Technician Parsons was responsible for the
nt and evacuation of many of his wounded comrades. Entered military
ichigan.

First Class Emery R Woolery, 37145158, Infantry, United States Army,
ous service in connection with military operations against an enemy of
States in the vicinity of * * * , France, from 27 to 30 September 1944.
litary service from Kansas.

ate Harold Callahan, 34682798, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic
in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United
in the * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. As this messenger and three
n accompanied their commanding officer toward a machine gun section to the
, they were confronted by a well-armed enemy patrol of 15 soldiers near a road
ction. Private Callahan was dispatched to secure reinforcements, while other
mbers of the group engaged the superior enemy force in a fire fight. Private'
lahan promptly guided reinforcements to the scene, then assisted in the attack
ch resulted in driving the enemy from the area. Entered military service from
orgia.

VIII -- 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 in action against the enemy in France on dates indicated:

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
Major Victor A Breneman 0288557, Infantry	11 Oct	Kansas
Major Ernest G Lumley Jr 01015479, Cavalry	14 Oct	Michigan
Captain Robert E Richardson 0350316, Infantry	10 Oct	Kansas
First Lieutenant Abraham R Berkson 01310675, Infantry	9 Oct	Illinois
First Lieutenant Garth C Ramsay 01303543, Infantry	19 Oct	Nebraska
First Lieutenant Arthur I Traub 01183209, Field Artillery	9 Oct	New York
Second Lieutenant Charles W Ryan 01325934, Infantry	14 Oct	Michigan
Technical Sergeant Howard E Crane 20720966, Infantry	5 Oct	Nebraska
nical Sergeant Beuford D McDonald 20725824, Infantry	8 Oct	Kansas
f Sergeant Charles I Hall 35469719, Coast Artillery rps	30 Sep	Ohio
f Sergeant Robert C Zweifel 20738424, Medical Department	8 Oct	Nebraska
eant Oscar C Anderson 17003166, Infantry	11 Oct	Iowa
Sergeant Troy F Bobo 37101884, Infantry	9 Oct	Arkansas
Sergeant James M Braudaway 38221214, Infantry	18 Oct	Texas
Sergeant Kenneth Brennin 37272101, Infantry	8 Oct	Minnesota
Sergeant William C Crim 34013409, Infantry	12 Oct	Tennessee
Sergeant Chesley E Gimlin 37722753, Infantry	9 Oct	Missouri
Sergeant John J Joura 32783023, Corps of Engineers	11 Oct	New York
Technician Fourth Grade Joseph E Lewis 13008079, Field Artillery	12 Oct	Pennsylvania
Corporal Robert E Bailey 39039754, Infantry	6 Oct	California
Corporal Glenn W Custer 33568478, Infantry	18 Sep	Pennsylvania
Corporal Fred Frank 37162825, Infantry	14 Oct	North Dakota
Corporal Wilber H Harlan 37391586, Infantry	8 Oct	Missouri
Corporal Eugene M Twardzik 32746429, Corps of Engineers	9 Oct	New York
Technician Fifth Grade Gerald E Brotherton 20723915, Quartermaster Corps	11 Oct	Kansas
Technician Fifth Grade Nicholas L Patrone 32780886, Infantry	9 Oct	New York
Private First Class Edwin L Barnhart 37453244, Infantry	11 Oct	Kansas
Private First Class Willie C Beard 34664611, Infantry	13 Oct	North Carolina
Private First Class William R Billingsley 34770863, Infantry	15 Oct	North Carolina

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Private First Class Alfred Calamo 42075551, Infantry	11 Oct	New York
Private First Class Raul H Covely 33834716, Infantry	9 Oct	Pennsylvania
Private First Class Eugene F Gregory Jr 33845123, Infantry	9 Oct	Virginia
Private First Class Melvin A Haddon 36694452, Infantry	10 Oct	Illinois
Private First Class Leonard H Licata 32796562, Corps of Engineers	11 Oct	New York
Private First Class Walter J Schwartz 39083423, Field Artillery	17 Aug	California
Private First Class Clinton E Snyder 35469319, Coast Artillery Corps	13 Oct	Kentucky
Private First Class Edward M Solinski 32367111, Field Artillery	18 Sep	New Jersey
...vate First Class Billy W Tarver 34492313, Infantry	10 Oct	Tennessee
...te Edward R Appel 36560472, Infantry	12 Oct	Michigan
...John N Bagosy 36433966, Infantry	11 Oct	Illinois
... Barczak 42109860, Infantry	16 Oct	New York
... R Bartlett 35717170, Infantry	18 Oct	Michigan
... A Berman 39710613, Infantry	8 Oct	California
... Bladen 33847411, Infantry	9 Oct	Maryland
... r L Boynton 39721426, Infantry	12 Oct	Kansas
... er E Burrows 33847460, Infantry	11 Oct	Washington, DC
...liam R Carver 34503727, Infantry	10 Oct	Tennessee
...ward Cooper 36960029, Infantry	12 Oct	Kentucky
...J'Dell Dean 34884606, Infantry	15 Oct	Tennessee
Myron R Gwynn 37361093, Corps of Engineers	11 Oct	Colorado
...vate Charles M Hedges 35070947, Infantry	12 Oct	Ohio
...vate Cleoise McWerter 35606584, Field Artillery	18 Sep	Ohio
Private George E Morrison 35244442, Infantry	14 Oct	Kentucky
Private Homer H Prince 34606798, Field Artillery	18 Sep	North Carolina
Private Kenneth M Radcliffe 35497620, Infantry	18 Sep	Ohio
Private James F Rainey 34886903, Infantry	8 Oct	Tennessee
Private Karl Reber 20726561, Infantry	13 Oct	Kansas
Private Don L Reeser 42028806, Infantry	8 Oct	New York
Private Joe Saragosa 39115018, Infantry	18 Sep	California
Private Merril L Shepherd 39922044, Infantry	10 Oct	Utah
Private Walter S Sherman 32747373, Corps of Engineers	11 Oct	New York
Private Morris A Simmons 32853165, Infantry	8 Oct	New York
Private Ernest A Sweitzer 35073192, Infantry	9 Oct	West Virginia
Private Leonard L Taylor 38396572, Infantry	18 Sep	Oklahoma
Private Charles Westrol 42103293, Infantry	10 Oct	New Jersey
Private Louis P Yanko 33702811, Field Artillery	12 Oct	Pennsylvania

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

RANK, NAME, ASN AND BRANCH	DATE WOUNDED	ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM
...n Robert L Stephenson 0414886, Infantry	10 Oct	Kansas
Sergeant Robert B Kaufman 37070419, Infantry	11 Oct	Kansas
...f Sergeant Joe Saragosa 39115018, Infantry	9 Oct	California
...ergeant Junior H Woodall 38189865, Infantry	16 Oct	Oklahoma
...ivate First Class Marco A Bellasalmo 32787818, Corps of ...ngineers	12 Oct	New York
...vate First Class Ernest E Prough 20622619, Medical ...epartment	16 Oct	Illinois
...vate First Class John D Stansbury 35868652, Medical ...epartment	8 Oct	Indiana

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X — SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Section IV, General Orders No 46, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 23 October 1944, pertaining to Staff Sergeant Frederick Gorham Jr, 38071500, Infantry, is rescinded (see sec I).

XI — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. So much of section VIII, General Orders No 44, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 16 October 1944, as pertains to Second Lieutenant James C Keener, 0887529, Medical Administrative Corps, is rescinded (see sec II).

2. So much of section VI, General Orders No 47, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 25 October 1944, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Harvey E Parsons, 38[illegible]08, Medical Department, is rescinded (see sec VII).

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