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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 man:

Technician Fourth Grade Clarence H Jackson, 17045160 (then technician fifth grade), Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, from 16 to 19 September 1944. On the night of 16 September, Technician Jackson voluntarily rode into the town of * * * on a tank destroyer during the course of an infantry-tank destroyer attack. The attacking force was subjected to heavy fire upon entering the town, and Technician Jackson went to the aid of a soldier wounded in the initial exchange of fire. While so engaged, a projectile from an enemy rocket-launcher exploded nearby, and the concussion severely injured his back. Disregarding his personal condition, he continued his treatment of the wounded man, arranged for his evacuation, then continued caring for the wounded throughout the night. On the following three days, during continued heavy fighting, he accompanied forward units, rendering first aid to the wounded. He was finally evacuated when it was noticed that he could not walk upright. He was killed in a subsequent action against the enemy. His intrepid actions, utter disregard for his personal condition, and zealous devotion to duty, reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Missouri.

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

Sergeant Otto W Hefner, 37534297, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , Normandy, France, on 19 July 1944. When intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire made the position of his platoon untenable, Sergeant Hefner and two other members of his squad stood fast, signaled the balance of the platoon to move to the rear, then delivered a heavy volume of fire upon the enemy positions. This action brought heavy return fire from the enemy, wounding Sergeant Hefner and his two companions, who nevertheless continued to fire upon the enemy until the platoon had reached cover. By his gallant self-sacrifice, Sergeant Hefner earned for himself a place of honor in the annals of fighting infantrymen. Entered military service from Kansas.

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

First Lieutenant Wilbert A Jansen, 01310449, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. A patrol of about forty Germans infiltrated the main line of resistance of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, and attacked an ammunition dump about 400 yards behind the battalion command post. Lieutenant Jansen, leader of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, and six members of his platoon, were the only men in the area at the

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time. He promptly deployed his men and directed a fire fight which resulted in killing eight of the enemy and wounding three others. Lieutenant Jansen mounted the cab of a truck and manned the .50 caliber machine gun until his ammunition was exhausted, then took up a position by the truck and fired at the attacking Germans with his pistol. By his gallant actions and resourceful leadership, the numerically superior enemy patrol was held off until reinforcements arrived. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant Charles H Dalton III, 0533064, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, on 29 July 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by accurate fire emanating from enemy emplacements across a stream, Lieutenant Dalton, a platoon leader, volunteered to make a reconnaissance in that vicinity. Accompanied by a scout, he crossed the stream and proceeded with his mission under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. His scout was severely wounded in both legs, whereupon Lieutenant Dalton applied tourniquets, then continued on his mission alone, obtained the desired information, and returned to his organization. Unable to evacuate the wounded soldier at this time, Lieutenant Dalton crossed the stream three times under enemy fire to adjust the tourniquets and give what other aid he could to the wounded man. Lieutenant Dalton's intrepid actions are in keeping with the military traditions of the United States. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant John R Welch, 15315559, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action 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 intense 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 Welch, a platoon sergeant, moved constantly among the men, reorganizing them, keeping them in contact with each other and coordinating their fire. Though he had a foxhole, he did not use it. When one of the automatic riflemen of his platoon had his weapon shot out of his hands, Sergeant Welch obtained another for him. Exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, he moved about rendering first aid, assisting at the various positions and by his inspiring words and deeds, roused the courage of his men in their successful defense of the road block. His initiative, resourcefulness and inspiring leadership constitutes such gallantry as to be in accordance with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Leo C Downs, 33722028, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 24 September 1944. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, two vehicles carrying men of Company D, * * * Infantry, were struck by enemy fire which caused numerous casualties. Sergeant Downs, a squad leader, although himself wounded in the back and leg, calmly proceeded to render first aid to his comrades amid bursting shells. When ambulances arrived, he began searching the area for men who were missing, and did not cease his efforts until he had assured himself that medical assistance had been given to all casualties. Sergeant Downs' gallantry, courage and spirit of self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Albert E Grobe, 39307368, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. During the course of a strong enemy counterattack, the enemy succeeded in penetrating front line positions of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, and a group of four enemy riflemen reached the area of the command post of Company L, * * * Infantry. Although his trigger finger was cut off in the first exchange of fire, Sergeant Grobe, a squad leader, stood fast and killed all four of the Germans with rifle fire. Before permitting himself to be evacuated, he picked up the weapons of the dead Germans to prevent the possibility of their use by other infiltrating troops. Sergeant Grobe's intrepid courage and deadly accuracy in the face of heavy odds eliminated a direct threat to his company command post, and reflect high credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Oregon.

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Staff Sergeant Huston T Temple, 34882219, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near * * * , France, 20 September 1944. During an enemy counterattack on the village of * * * , launched at night and under cover of a heavy fog, a house occupied by Sergeant Temple, a squad leader, and part of his platoon, was surrounded by a strong German force who called to our men to surrender. Realizing that he could not hold out against the superior enemy group but unwilling to allow his unit to be captured, Sergeant Temple took charge, ordered his men to withdraw and covered their movement by firing from his position in the house. Since the enemy was sending up flares to obtain a better view of the building whose occupants they believed ready to surrender, they did not realize that the flashes emanating from various windows of the house were fired by Sergeant Temple as he protected the withdrawal of his comrades. After he had succeeded in killing and wounding a large number of the enemy, he made his own escape without suffering an injury. The entire maneuver was accomplished without the loss of a man. Sergeant Temple's gallant and resourceful leadership proves him a credit to his military training and an honor to the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private George L Mallow Jr, 36887653, Medical Department, United States Army, for gallantry in action at * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. On 30 September, Company H, * * * Infantry, was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage which caused a number of casualties. Private Mallow, an aid man, seeing that all other medical personnel had been evacuated, refused to leave his unit even after he had been wounded, and zealously continued his task of rendering first aid. Through his unselfish devotion to duty and courageous actions under fire, he undoubtedly saved the lives of several seriously wounded comrades. He remained on duty until he sustained a concussion from a bursting shell and was ordered to cease his efforts. Private Mallow's gallant spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty to his comrades was an inspiration to the men of his company and reflects high credit upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Michigan.

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

Technician Fourth Grade Clarence H Jackson, 17045160, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, on 10 October 1944. Technician Jackson, an aid man, accompanied two squads of infantrymen from Company C, * * * Infantry, as they rode tanks in an attack against strong enemy positions. During the course of the ensuing fire fight, Technician Jackson administered first aid to two wounded soldiers and evacuated them to a place of comparative safety. As he prepared to move forward to resume his work, he was killed by enemy fire. Technician Jackson's courageous devotion to duty reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private Edward S DeGarmo, 20211923, 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. A patrol of about forty Germans infiltrated the main line of resistance of the Third Battalion, * * * Infantry, and attacked an ammunition dump about 400 yards behind the battalion command post. Private DeGarmo, a machine gunner, was sent to the area to ascertain the situation. Upon his arrival at the ammunition dump, he immediately joined in the fire fight against the numerically superior enemy force. When a soldier who had been firing a machine gun mounted on a quarter-ton vehicle became a casualty, Private DeGarmo voluntarily and without hesitation made his way to the vehicle under enemy observation and fire, and was in the act of manning the weapon when he was killed by enemy fire. By his heroic action, Private DeGarmo contributed to the successful defense of vital supplies of ammunition and to the elimination of a direct threat to the battalion command post. Entered military service from New York.

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 to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

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Major Harlan B Heffelfinger, 0405490, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 3 to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Captain Harry K Heiges, 01040937, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 16 June to 26 October 1944. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Morris H Laatsch Jr, 0360861, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, from 28 September to 5 October 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Captain Clarence E Stephens Jr, 0429739, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * , France, on 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Captain Robert B Tobin, 0340645, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 15 July to 21 October 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Raymond J Geoffrion, 01171157, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 20 September 1944. During the course of a strong enemy attack against defensive positions established on * * * Hill, Lieutenant Geoffrion, a forward observer, adjusted artillery fire on the enemy troops and tanks despite the fact that his position was subjected to heavy fire. When the enemy spearhead reached a point little more than one hundred yards from his position, Lieutenant Geoffrion took up his rifle and participated in the fire fight. After-action inspection revealed that his accurate fire direction had resulted in numerous casualties among enemy troops and had destroyed much of the enemy armor. His efficient performance was a decisive factor in repelling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant John A Pfitsch, 01047728, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 19 June to 25 October 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant William W Corry, 0536167, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 12 September 1944. After the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, had established its position near * * * , the enemy launched a counterattack marked by heavy artillery fire. Lieutenant Corry, a forward artillery observer, accompanied by a radio operator, ascended the third story of a building for the purpose of directing artillery fire on approaching enemy tanks. Despite the fact that the building he occupied was struck a number of times by enemy shells, Lieutenant Corry remained at his position and continued to send out fire orders. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Corry were factors in preventing a break through by the enemy. Entered military service from Florida.

Second Lieutenant Howard J Kuhlman, 0887620 (then technical sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. During an attack by Company B, * * * Infantry, on the town of * * * , France, Lieutenant Kuhlman performed the duties of platoon leader after several of his officers had become casualties. Although he was himself wounded during the assault, he continued at the head of his men in the face of intense enemy fire until the Germans had been driven from the town. He would not permit himself to be evacuated until he had established defensive positions and personally taken a number of prisoners. Lieutenant Kuhlman's daring leadership and complete disregard for personal welfare were a material contribution to the success of his unit's operations and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

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First Sergeant Albert H Conley, 20721884, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * Hill, France, on 18 and 19 September 1944. After units of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had over-run enemy positions on * * * Hill, on 18 September, they were subjected to heavy concentrations of fire and determined enemy attacks which necessitated a withdrawal. As the commanders of the units involved had become casualties, Sergeant Conley, together with another noncommissioned officer, reorganized the units and conducted an orderly withdrawal to the next high ridge, organized defensive positions and placed attached tank destroyers in strategic positions, then personally loaded several seriously wounded soldiers on a tank destroyer and directed their evacuation. Under the skillful leadership of Sergeant Conley and the other noncommissioned officer, the defending force repulsed an enemy attack at dawn on 19 September, and held their ridge position until joined by other units of the regiment. Sergeant Conley's aggressive leadership and initiative reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

First Sergeant James R Shupe, 35204685, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 10 July to 23 October 1944. During the period mentioned, Sergeant Shupe has rendered outstanding and heroic service not only in the performance of his own duties, but in several other capacities. During the battle for * * * , he led a platoon in repelling several enemy counterattacks, and on one occasion, when he had been wounded in the arm, refused evacuation and remained with his unit. On 16 August 1944, after his company officers had become casualties, he took charge of the company which was then spearheading the assault on * * * , and by resourceful direction and exposing himself to aimed enemy fire, inspired his men to capture the town. He performed the functions of company commander and executive officer until 24 September, in addition to his own duties as First Sergeant. During the battle for * * * and the crossing of the * * * River, Sergeant Shupe again acted as platoon leader and led his men in a successful attack. His constant display of outstanding leadership, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety has been a material contribution to the success of his unit's missions. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant James Perona, 20724928, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technical Sergeant William E Reagan, 35319860, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the Forest of * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. Sergeant Reagan, a platoon sergeant, voluntarily left the protection of his foxhole during a heavy enemy artillery barrage to administer first aid to several wounded soldiers. With the aid of another enlisted man, he placed the men in a quarter-ton vehicle and took them to the battalion aid station over a route subjected to severe enemy shellfire. En route to the aid station it was necessary to halt the vehicle on two occasions because of the intensity of the barrage. In each instance, after helping the wounded to the shelter of a roadside ditch, he took advantage of the interruption and rendered medical assistance to the wounded soldiers. Sergeant Reagan's heroic action reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Charles D Young, 37034673, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * * Hill, France, on 18 and 19 September 1944. After units of the First Battalion, * * * Infantry, had over-run enemy positions on * * * Hill on 18 September, they were subjected to heavy concentrations of fire and determined enemy attacks which necessitated a withdrawal. As the commanders of the units involved had become casualties, Sergeant Young, a platoon sergeant, together with another noncommissioned officer, reorganized the units and conducted an orderly withdrawal to the next high ridge, organized defensive positions and

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placed attached tank destroyers in strategic positions, then personally loaded several seriously wounded soldiers on a tank destroyer and directed their evacuation. Under the skillful leadership of Sergeant Young and the other noncommissioned officer, the defending force repulsed an enemy attack at dawn on 19 September, and held their ridge position until joined by other units of the regiment. Sergeant Young's aggressive leadership and initiative reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Lynn J Quesbed, 39019397, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 11 July to 20 October 1944. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Philip I Klasky, 37171001, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * *, France, on 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Russell W Faber, 35375952, Medical Department, United States Army, for hercic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, on 24 September 1944. During an intense enemy artillery barrage, two vehicles carrying men of Company D, * * * Infantry, were struck by enemy fire which caused numerous casualties. Technician Faber, a medical aid man, although himself wounded, calmly proceeded to render first aid to his comrades amid bursting shells. He continued on his mission even after other aid men had arrived. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Corporal Carl Keller, 32220441, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * *, France, 9 October 1944. During an attack by our forces on the village of * * *, Corporal Keller was manning a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on an M-10 tank destroyer. Since the tank destroyers were being employed as assault guns, it was necessary to fire the machine guns to such an extent that they became overheated and jammed. Realizing the urgent need for all available fire power, Corporal Keller voluntarily stood erect in the open turret of his vehicle on three separate occasions, exposing himself to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to change the over-heated barrel. His complete disregard for personal safety and resourcefulness contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from New York.

Corporal James F O'Neal, 38341059, 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 26 September 1944. During the course of an enemy attack and while the area was subjected to heavy fire of all types, Corporal O'Neal assisted in carrying wounded to the rear. While returning to his gun position he saw a seriously wounded soldier lying in a ditch. He secured a prime mover and stretcher, returned through a portion of the woods infiltrated by the enemy, and evacuated the wounded man. He went forward to his platoon headquarters with the information that communications had been disrupted by enemy shellfire. He then carried supplies to the gun positions under enemy fire, enabling the gun crews to continue their effective resistance to the strong enemy attacks. Corporal O'Neal's courageous actions and tireless devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles E Boener, 37111386, 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 28 September 1944. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Clyde D Hammers, 20725900, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade John K Linke, 37035058, 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 30 September 1944. During the course of a determined enemy counterattack, Technician Linke, a transportation corporal, voluntarily made five round-trips to the battalion ammunition depot under heavy enemy fire of all types, thereby averting a threatened shortage of mortar ammunition and contributing to the eventual rout of enemy forces in this area. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Willard L McLeod, 36116712, 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 28 September 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred Sinclair Jr, 15331573, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 19 June to 23 October 1944. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Frank J Eidt, 34637785, Medical Department, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. When a vehicle in which he was riding with an officer and four other enlisted men was caught in an enemy artillery barrage, Private Eidt, alone of the occupants, escaped injury. The most seriously wounded of the group was lying in the open, unable to move. Disregarding his personal safety in the face of continuing enemy shellfire, Private Eidt ran to the wounded man, picked him up in his arms and carried him to safety. His courageous action under fire reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Private First Class Raymond C Evans, 37226549, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the * * * , France, on 28 September 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Jerome F Fox, 37097143, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the Forest of * * * , France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class James L Jackson, 37017705, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * , France, on 7 October 1944. Private Jackson, a truck driver, and a wireman voluntarily went forward to repair communications which had been disrupted by heavy enemy mortar fire. While engaged in repairing a break in the line, both were wounded by shell fragments, but finished repairing the line and tested it before going to the aid station for treatment. Private Jackson's disregard for his personal condition and zeal for the accomplishment of his mission reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class John P Jones, 35313975, Field Artillery, United States Army, attached to the * * * Infantry, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near * * * , France, 12 September 1944. After the Second Battalion, * * * Infantry, had established its positions near * * * , the enemy launched a counterattack marked by heavy artillery fire. Private Jones, a radio operator, accompanied a forward artillery observer to the third story of a building for the purpose of transmitting fire orders. Despite the fact that the building he occupied was struck a number of times by enemy artillery shells, Private Jones remained at his position and continued to transmit fire orders. The tenacity of purpose displayed by Private Jones, his courage and devotion to duty, were factors in preventing a break through by the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Private First Class Terence E Lockyear, 6932465, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * *, France, on 7 October 1944. Private Lockyear, a wireman, accompanied by a driver, went forward to repair communications which had been disrupted by heavy enemy mortar fire. While engaged in repairing a break in the line, he was wounded in the arm by shell fragments. Disregarding his wounds, he finished repairing the line and tested it before going to the aid station for treatment. Private Lockyear's courageous determination that the success of his mission be given primary consideration is in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Herman Lorenzo, 35321147, Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 19 June to 23 October 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class John D McAlearney, 20725756, 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, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Harmon D Morris, 38396122, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * * sector, Normandy, France, 17 July 1944. In the operation against * * *, on 17 July, Private Morris, a rifleman, served as scout and covered the advance of a light machine gun section attempting to establish contact with the third platoon. In moving forward, the machine gun section moved one hundred and fifty yards beyond the third platoon, at which point Private Morris and another enlisted man discovered two enemy riflemen dug-in along the road. While attempting to take the enemy riflemen as prisoners, an enemy machine gun opened fire, pinning down his own machine gun section, killing his comrade and one of the enemy, and wounding Private Morris. Returning the fire, Private Morris killed one of the enemy machine gunners, two others being killed when his own machine gun section fired upon the enemy emplacement. Private Morris' disregard for personal safety, his tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty enabled his machine gun section to rejoin the platoon, and reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Walter L Thostenson, 37162369, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * *, France, on 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Raymond E Wittman, 37514584, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Joseph A Forte, 31358106, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private Merle E Koontz, 20723943, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the * * *, France, on 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private Charles R Mooney, 37017189, 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 30 September 1944. When his battalion moved into new positions in preparation for an attack, Private Mooney, a wireman, accompanied by a member of his wire crew, was installing lines of communication when he was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage. With disregard for personal safety, Private Mooney continued at his work. When he received a

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severe shrapnel wound in his leg, he obtained first aid from his companion and continued upon his mission despite the severity of his wound which resulted in the loss of his leg. Private Mooney's disregard of personal safety, and his making the task at hand his primary consideration, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

VI — BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie B Vennard, 6858853, 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. During the course of an enemy counterattack, Technician Vennard, a lineman, and three other members of a wire crew volunteered to follow tanks toward the enemy held portion of a forest to repair communication lines destroyed by artillery and mortar fire. Two wiremen remained with their vehicle at the edge of the forest while Technician Vennard and another enlisted man proceeded into the woods on foot. While repairing a break in the line some 250 yards into the woods, both were wounded by sniper fire but continued to repair the line despite the severity of their wounds and the precariousness of their position. Corporal Vennard died of his wounds. His high order of personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty without regard for personal welfare reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Iowa.

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

First Lieutenant Raymond J Geoffrion, 01171157, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near * * * , France, on 27 September 1944. When information was received that an enemy force, in battalion strength, was approaching an outpost position of Company I, * * * Infantry, making imperative a withdrawal to more favorable terrain, Lieutenant Geoffrion, a forward observer, remained at his post while the withdrawal was in progress despite heavy enemy fire and imminent danger of capture, adjusting artillery fire upon the advancing enemy columns. After the rifle company had reached its new position, Lieutenant Geoffrion made his way back, established another observation post on high ground and continued his accurate fire direction, completely disorganizing at least one company of the enemy. His courage, coolness, and efficient performance under enemy fire reflects credit upon Lieutenant Geoffrion's character as an officer. Entered military service from Ohio.

Sergeant Allen J Holland, 20733226, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the * * * , France, on 12 October 1944. In the absence of the regularly assigned officer observer, Sergeant Holland acted as forward observer, establishing his observation post well forward despite enemy observation and fire, in order to obtain maximum results. His accurate fire direction resulted in neutralizing the fire of an enemy mortar position. Throughout the day he remained at his post, skillfully directing the activities of his section and forwarding valuable information of enemy strength and activity. Sergeant Holland's courageous and efficient performance under fire reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Steve L Elkins, 37070493, 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. During the course of an enemy counterattack, Technician Elkins, a wireman, and three others volunteered to follow tanks into the enemy held portion of a forest to repair communication lines destroyed by artillery and mortar fire. Two wiremen remained with their vehicle at the edge of the forest while Technician Elkins and another

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enlisted man proceeded into the woods on foot. While repairing a break in the line some 250 yards into the woods, both Technician Elkins and his companion were wounded by sniper fire, but continued to repair the line despite the severity of their wounds and the precariousness of their position. Technician Elkins' high order of personal bravery and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Herman H Bruning Jr, 13199963, 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 30 September 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Private Bruning, a driver, went to the aid of two seriously wounded soldiers. With the aid of another enlisted man, he placed the wounded soldiers in his quarter-ton vehicle and took them to the battalion aid station over a route subjected to heavy enemy shellfire. En route to the aid station it was necessary for him to stop his vehicle on two occasions because of the heavy fire. In each case, after helping the wounded to the shelter of a roadside ditch, he took advantage of the interruption and administered first aid to the wounded soldiers. After reaching the aid station with his patients, he returned to the forward area and took another load of wounded to the aid station. Private Bruning's heroic action reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

VIII -- 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:

Major Richard R Coffin, 0351289, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near * * * , France, on 24 September 1944. Major Coffin, S-3 of the * * * Field Artillery Battalion, flew over enemy territory near * * * as an artillery liaison observer with the mission of locating and plotting enemy armor and installations. Adverse weather necessitated flying at an altitude of about 500 feet, and the plane was subjected to intense enemy ground fire from 20mm antiaircraft guns, machine guns and small arms. The maneuverability of the plane was severely impaired when the tail strut was shot away, but a safe landing was made in friendly territory. The valuable information secured by Major Coffin during this flight enabled our artillery to cause widespread destruction among the enemy installations. Entered military service from Iowa.

IX -- 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 James E Dempsey, 01185013, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, from 1 August to 25 September 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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 two bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Harverd L Nevenzel, 01174089, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 31 August to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

X -- SILVER STAR. So much of section II, General Orders, No 29, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 5 September 1944, as reads "Technician Fifth Grade Harvey W Long, 33511652, Medical Department", is corrected to read "Technician Fifth Grade Harry W Long, 33511652, Medical Department".

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XI — BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of section IV, General Orders, No 38, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 29 September 1944, as pertains to Sergeant Charley C Myrick, 35506443, Infantry, is rescinded.

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