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

First Lieutenant William T Humphreys, 01302467, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Normandy, France, on 14 and 15 July 1944. Lieutenant Humphreys assumed command of Company I, \* \* \* Infantry, on 14 July when his commanding officer became a casualty. He displayed outstanding leadership in directing the fire and movement of his troops, led them forward in the face of stubborn enemy resistance, then organized defensive positions. On the following morning he led his unit in an attack on enemy machine gun emplacements that were delivering harassing fire upon his troops, and personally threw hand grenades to knock out the enemy positions. As he was reorganizing his company in preparation for a continuation of the attack, he was killed by enemy artillery fire. Lieutenant Humphreys' gallant actions reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Jack W Falk, 35706343, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, France, on 16 September 1944. During bitter combat operations in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Private Falk, a radio operator and runner, carried numerous messages from his platoon leader to the company commander and to squad leaders over open terrain subjected to mortar fire and aimed small arms fire. When the ammunition supply of his company neared exhaustion, he promptly volunteered to carry ammunition. He made several trips from the ammunition point to the front under heavy fire, personally distributing the ammunition to front line troops. While returning from the ammunition point he was mortally wounded by shell fragments, but continued to the platoon area with a heavy load of ammunition. His gallant actions and dogged determination that the mission at hand be given primary consideration reflect the highest credit upon Private Falk's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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

Technical Sergeant Raymond A Sneade, 31084843, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \*, France, on 16 September 1944. While participating in the third battalion attack against the town of \* \* \*, Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, was subjected to accurate enemy fire from a strong point to the front. Sergeant Sneade, whose platoon was maintaining right flank security for his company, charged forward accompanied by two other enlisted men and engaged the enemy at close quarters with bayonets, over-running two machine gun positions, killing five Germans and causing others to flee, whereupon the crew of a nearby 88mm gun broke for cover and were promptly shot down by Sergeant Sneade and his companions. As a result of Sergeant Sneade's gallant actions, fighting spirit and high order of personal bravery, he and his two comrades-in-arms killed fourteen of the enemy, in addition to capturing an 88mm gun and two machine gun positions which had been placing effective fire upon our advancing troops. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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Technical Sergeant John J Towey, 37034304, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 1 October 1944. The Third Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, was assigned the mission of relieving another unit in the \* \* \* . While moving behind presumably friendly lines, the leading rifle company, with a machine gun platoon attached, was so suddenly attacked by a strong enemy force, that the men became confused and sought cover. Sergeant Towey, a squad leader, acting as platoon leader of the machine gun platoon, held his ground and returned the enemy fire. In order to keep his own men in position, and to rally some of the riflemen to assist his platoon, it was necessary for Sergeant Towey to expose himself to the enemy fire. So successful was he, in rallying the riflemen and in directing the operations of his platoon, that the platoon repulsed the enemy attack, reached its objective, and captured thirty-four of the enemy. Sergeant Towey's leadership, forcefulness, initiative and courage constitute such gallantry in action as to be in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Eugene C Muller, 20726421, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 11 September 1944. During the assault crossing of the \* \* \* River by the Third Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, Sergeant Muller and his squad were among the first troops to reach the hostile shore. Without thought for personal safety, in the face of heavy enemy fire of all types, including tree-bursting mortar shells and direct artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Muller moved among his men, deploying them in positions to secure their foothold on the enemy bank. He led his squad in a fire fight with the enemy for a period of more than sixteen hours without respite. His inspiring leadership, resourcefulness and accurate fire direction enabled supporting troops to cross the river, resulted in the establishment of a strong bridgehead, and reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Muller's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Jack G Myers, 38424871, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action near \* \* \* , France, on 28 September 1944. Sergeant Myers, leading his squad as point for the advance of tank-mounted Company B, \* \* \* Infantry, had the mission of contacting the enemy and forcing them to expose their position. Observing an enemy tank in the wooded terrain, Sergeant Myers notified the company commander of the presence of enemy armor, and then placed his men in advantageous positions. While so engaged, he heard the voices of enemy infantrymen. Directing the fire of his automatic weapons upon the enemy, a fire fight ensued in which Sergeant Myers was wounded as he moved among his men, directing their fire. Despite his wound, and in the face of enemy fire, Sergeant Myers reorganized his defense and began a withdrawal intended to lure the enemy into the open. At this point, Sergeant Myers fainted from loss of blood. His gallant actions are in accord with the traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Harold H Schultz, 35602121, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on \* \* \* Hill, France, on 19 September 1944. When elements of the \* \* \* Infantry were forced to withdraw from the crest of \* \* \* Hill because of a heavy enemy attack, Sergeant Schultz, an assistant squad leader, together with three companions, remained in position, unaware in the darkness that a withdrawal was being effected. At daylight, Sergeant Schultz discovered that he and his companions were surrounded by the enemy. Assisted by his three companions, Sergeant Schultz aimed sniper fire at the enemy for some time, until his companions decided to make a break through the enemy lines to rejoin their unit. Sergeant Schultz insisted upon remaining at his position, despite the extreme danger involved, both from the enemy and friendly artillery fire. He then continued his sniper fire, and although badly shaken by friendly artillery fire, remained uninjured and later rejoined his organization. Sergeant Schultz' courage, tenacity of purpose, initiative and devotion to duty, constitute such gallantry in action as to be in accord with military traditions. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L James, 7000595, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 8 October 1944. Near \* \* \* , during an engagement with the enemy, the tank destroyer of which Technician James was driver, was struck by enemy rocket-launcher fire and immediately burst into flames. Badly shaken by the impact, Technician James leaped from the vehicle, but the gunner, who was wounded in the arms and blinded by facial wounds, was unable to leave the vehicle. With complete disregard for personal safety, and

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knowing that the ammunition within the tank destroyer would explode at any moment, Technician James climbed back into the vehicle and extricated the gunner who, unable to see, ran toward enemy lines, into the face of enemy fire. Again disregarding personal safety, Technician James pursued and caught the gunner, and although fired upon by the enemy, led the man back to the safety of friendly lines. Technician James' loyalty to a wounded comrade, his utter disregard for personal safety under enemy fire and his personal bravery, constitute such gallantry in action as to make him a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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, now missing in action:

Second Lieutenant James A Ball, 01304486, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 27 and 28 September 1944. On 27 September, the Germans launched a tank supported infantry attack which penetrated the main line of resistance of the First Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, and isolated Company B from adjacent units. Despite extremely heavy fire of all types falling in this area, Lieutenant Ball, acting commander of Company B, reorganized his company which had been split into three groups by enemy action. Displaying outstanding leadership ability and a high order of personal bravery, he led his troops in a fire fight that enabled them to reestablish contact with friendly units. He then deployed his troops in defensive positions on the north flank of the battalion zone and repulsed all enemy counterattacks in that area. On the morning of 28 September he was ordered to lead his company in an attack on an enemy pocket of resistance. With tank support, he led his company aggressively forward and, despite the fact that his armor was forced to leave the battle at the edge of the woods, he successfully maneuvered his company into position and drove the Germans from the area. Later that day, a powerful German counterattack forced him to abandon the newly won positions and withdraw to positions in the forest. Although wounded, he refused medical aid and continued to direct the movement of his troops in a fighting withdrawal, so skillfully executed that his troops emerged from a precarious position in good order. Lieutenant Ball has been missing in action since this engagement. His dynamic leadership, intrepid bravery, initiative, resourcefulness, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect the highest credit upon his character as an officer and leader of men. Entered military service from New York.

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 officers and enlisted men:

Major William G Gillis Jr, 023909, 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, 28 and 29 September 1944. On 27 September the First Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, was attached to the \* \* \* Infantry Regiment engaged in defending the attenuated line along the northeast edge of the \* \* \* . This battalion, commanded by Major Gillis, was committed on the right flank of the line, with the mission of regaining ground lost during the initial phase of the defensive operation. For a period of two days, until he was killed by enemy mortar fire while in the area of one of his front line companies, Major Gillis led the attack of his battalion with tireless energy, inspiring his troops by his constant presence at the front, and displaying sound tactical judgement which resulted in repulsing numerous German counterattacks and in regaining much of the ground previously relinquished. Entered United States Military Academy from Texas.

Second Lieutenant Gerald M Hassell, 01180939, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, northeast of \* \* \* , France, on 18 September 1944. During the course of an attack against enemy forces on \* \* \* Hill northeast of \* \* \* , the enemy launched a counterattack supported by tanks. Lieutenant Hassell, a forward observer with the First Battalion, \* \* \* Infantry, made his way forward under heavy

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fire of all types, and adjusted artillery fire upon enemy positions. While so engaged, he was killed by direct fire from an enemy tank. His accurate fire direction and disregard for personal safety in the face of enemy fire, contributed to the success of the assault and capture of \* \* \* Hill. Entered military service from Wyoming.

Sergeant Penn D Soland, 37162554, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on \* \* \* Hill, France, on 19 September 1944. When elements of the \* \* \* Infantry were forced to withdraw from the crest of \* \* \* Hill because of a heavy enemy attack, Sergeant Soland, an assistant squad leader, together with three companions, remained in position, unaware in the darkness that a withdrawal was being effected. At daylight, Sergeant Soland discovered that he and his companions were surrounded by the enemy. Assisted by his three companions, Sergeant Soland aimed sniper fire at the enemy for some time. He then decided, with two of his companions, to infiltrate through the enemy lines, in an attempt to rejoin his unit. Despite the fact that his movements entailed traversing enemy-held territory subjected to friendly artillery fire, Sergeant Soland succeeded in making his way back to his organization. He was killed in a later action. Sergeant Soland's courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Rogers G Butler, 19063705, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 12 to 30 July 1944. Entered military service from California.

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 enlisted man, now missing in action:

Private Robert C. Hunt, 38560317, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on \* \* \* Hill, France, on 19 September 1944. When elements of the \* \* \* Infantry were forced to withdraw from the crest of \* \* \* Hill because of a heavy enemy attack, Private Hunt, a rifleman, together with three companions, remained in position, unaware in the darkness that a withdrawal was being effected. At daylight, Private Hunt discovered that he and his companions were surrounded by the enemy. Assisted by his three companions, Private Hunt aimed sniper fire at the enemy for some time. He then decided, with two of his companions, to infiltrate through the enemy lines, in an attempt to rejoin his unit. Despite the fact that his movements entailed traversing enemy-held territory subjected to friendly artillery fire, Private Hunt succeeded in making his way back to his organization. Private Hunt's courage and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

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 Oliver H Bruce, 01283018, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 1 September to 20 October, 1944. Entered military service from Maryland.

First Lieutenant Daniel M Filburn, 01304195, 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. Lieutenant Filburn, acting commanding officer of Company B, \* \* \* Infantry, displayed aggressive leadership and resourcefulness in personally directing the fire and movement of his troops in an attack designed to drive the enemy from the village of \* \* \*. Although wounded during the initial phase of the attack, he refused medical attention or evacuation and directed a house-to-house fight until all Germans were cleared from the village. He set up defensive positions, and turned his company over to another officer before permitting himself to be evacuated. Lieutenant Filburn's leadership, personal bravery and devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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First Lieutenant Harvey L Hardy, 01286278, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in France, from 10 July to 15 October 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Rex Hopper, 01290753, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 29 September 1944. The enemy attacked the position of Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, on the main line of resistance along the eastern edge of \* \* \*. Penetration by the enemy between two platoons of the unit threatened to over-run the company position and force the company into open ground behind the forest. With complete disregard for personal safety, and in the face of a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant Hopper, commanding Company L, went forward with a supporting group of riflemen and reorganized the defense of his position. While so engaged, he was wounded in the foot. After receiving first aid, he remained in the area and refused evacuation until he had turned over the command of his organization to another officer, and was certain that the position was secure. Lieutenant Hopper's leadership, his courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Arizona.

First Lieutenant Edward B Magister, 01319245, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, from 25 to 30 September 1944. During the period mentioned, when his platoon was engaged with the enemy as part of the \* \* \* Infantry's main line of resistance along the eastern edge of \* \* \*, Lieutenant Magister, a platoon leader, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and tactical skill. On one occasion, when the enemy attacked, his platoon was completely separated from the company and threatened with annihilation by enemy infantry and tanks. Without thought of personal safety, and in the face of direct enemy fire, Lieutenant Magister reorganized his platoon, established its security and directed its fire. His constant movement among his men, and his inspiring leadership, frustrated the enemy attack and enabled his platoon to hold secure the line of resistance. Entered military service from Michigan.

Second Lieutenant James C Gain, 01325211, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 22 September to 20 October 1944. Entered military service from California.

First Sergeant Herbert B Rawlings, 20721472, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 11 September to 20 October 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant George W Daugherty, 38438252 (then staff sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States on \* \* \* Hill, France, on 19 September 1944. When elements of the \* \* \* Infantry were forced to withdraw from the crest of \* \* \* Hill because of a heavy enemy attack, Sergeant Daugherty, a squad leader, together with three companions, remained in position, unaware in the darkness that a withdrawal was being effected. At daylight, Sergeant Daugherty discovered that he and his companions were surrounded by the enemy. Assisted by his three companions, Sergeant Daugherty aimed sniper fire at the enemy for some time. He then decided, with two of his companions, to infiltrate through the enemy lines, in an attempt to rejoin his unit. Despite the fact that his movements entailed traversing enemy-held territory subjected to friendly artillery fire, Sergeant Daugherty succeeded in making his way back to his organization. Sergeant Daugherty's courage and disregard for personal safety, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Texas.

Technical Sergeant William L Maxwell, 37123284, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 12 July to 1 November 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Marion O Prickett, 37070274, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 29 September 1944. Company L

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\* \* \* Infantry was defending part of the main line of resistance which had been established in the \* \* \* , when the enemy launched a heavy attack that broke through the lines of one platoon and severed communications with the company command post. During the absence of the platoon leader, Sergeant Prickett, a platoon sergeant, with disregard for personal safety, exposed himself to the intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in order to reorganize his platoon and set up a new defense of its position, as a result of which the platoon prevented further penetration of the position by the enemy and finally repulsed the attack. Sergeant Prickett's leadership, courage and resourcefulness, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Henry L English, 36030123 (then private first class), 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 4 October 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Homer T Forman, 35469973, 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. While on duty at a mortar forward observation post during an enemy counterattack, Sergeant Forman noticed an enemy light machine gun section which had been set up in the vicinity. Leaving his place of comparative safety, he made his way to an exposed position from where he could effectively flank the enemy emplacement, opened fire with his rifle and killed the entire enemy crew. He then returned to his post and directed mortar fire on a German squad which was attempting to infiltrate the company lines. Sergeant Forman's daring and resourceful actions, and accuracy in directing mortar fire, were a vital contribution toward the repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant LaVerne O Major, 17056358, 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 September to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant John H McTigue, 35541673 (then private first class), 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 29 September 1944. When Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, was threatened by encirclement during an enemy counterattack near the Forest of \* \* \* , Sergeant McTigue, a Browning Automatic Rifleman, voluntarily left a place of comparative safety and moved to an exposed position in order to defend the flank of his unit. After advancing over approximately fifty yards of terrain subjected to intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and partially under hostile observation, he directed such accurate and effective fire against the attacking German force as to halt their advance and permit reinforcements to reach his company. Sergeant McTigue's courageous and resourceful actions reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Othmar F Meyer, 37170315, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 29 September 1944. Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, was defending part of the main line of resistance which had been established in the \* \* \* , when the enemy launched a heavy attack. So severe was the enemy thrust, that it broke through the lines of one platoon, caused confusion among the troops and separated the platoon from the remainder of the battalion. During the absence of the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant, Sergeant Meyer, a squad leader, took charge of the platoon, reorganized it, established its security, and directed the members of the platoon in pinning down the enemy until another part of the company attacked the enemy and forced their withdrawal. Sergeant Meyer's leadership, disregard for personal safety in the face of heavy enemy fire, and his devotion to duty, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant William E Phillips, 6278177, 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 29 September 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

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Staff Sergeant Simon Schenkel, 32884265, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 29 September 1944. When enemy infiltration isolated his platoon for more than a day and a half, and its supply of food and water became depleted, Sergeant Schenkel, a squad leader, voluntarily attempted to reach the company command post. Working his way through the enemy lines, and across open terrain under enemy observation and under enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Schenkel approached the command post but discovered it surrounded by the enemy. Determined that his platoon be supplied, he then travelled another route in order to reach the company supply depot, where he loaded a pack board with food and water. Staff Sergeant Schenkel's initiative, resourcefulness and courage in bringing these supplies to his unit, enabled the platoon to continue its defense of the position. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Elliott W Estes, 34848437 (then private), Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 10 October 1944. When Sergeant Estes noticed a wounded soldier lying exposed to further injury, he left the comparative safety of his own foxhole and went forward under fire to administer first aid to the wounded man. While so engaged, he was obliged to spring to his feet several times in order to fire upon the enemy. Upon completing his treatment of the wounded man, Sergeant Estes evacuated him to a place of safety. The courage of Sergeant Estes, his disregard for personal safety, and his loyalty to a wounded comrade, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Sergeant Henry Weber, 37002850, 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 30 September to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

Sergeant James T Winslow Jr, 34677711, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 29 September 1944. During a severe enemy attack against the position of his squad in the \* \* \* , 29 September, Sergeant Winslow, a squad leader, received orders to withdraw his squad to an alternate location, in order to trap the enemy and relieve pressure on the main line of resistance. With disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Winslow remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his squad, but while so engaged, was wounded in both legs. Despite the severity and painfulness of his wounds, Sergeant Winslow continued to fire upon the enemy, and refused evacuation until he had successfully directed the withdrawal of his squad and established its security. Sergeant Winslow's fortitude, courage and tenacity of purpose reflect credit upon his character as a soldier. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade John Daigh, 37085128, 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 20 October 1944. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis H James, 34606904, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, on 29 September 1944. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles D Newell, 34049040, 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 30 September to 1 October 1944. Entered military service from Mississippi.

Technician Fourth Grade Lester E Short, 37051097, Cavalry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 10 July to 30 October 1944. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Corporal Jack Buffington, 20725767, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the Forest of \* \* \*, France, on 30 September 1944. During the course of a determined German counterattack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, the forward mortar observation post where Corporal Buffington and a comrade were on duty was threatened by enemy infiltration. Despite the danger of encirclement, the men remained at their post calling fire missions until wire communications with their command post became disrupted. Corporal Buffington and his companion thereupon traced the line to a break, repaired it and were on their way back to the observation post when they discovered a strong German patrol which was cutting the wire. Realizing that they could not engage the enemy force in a fire fight because of its numerical superiority, the two men followed the Germans, repaired each break as soon as the enemy had cut the line, watched the patrol deploy in the woods, and managed to make their way back to their post, where they called upon their company to direct fire on the enemy group. This courageous and resourceful action was responsible for the defeat of enemy resistance in this area, and reflects credit upon Corporal Buffington's character as a soldier. Entered military service from Kansas.

Corporal Sidney S Pegler, 32323917, 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 21 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward C Conrey, 34787975, 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 8 October 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman L Petty, 38340764, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, France, on 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Willard A Westblade, 37070271, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the Forest of \* \* \*, France, on 29 September 1944. When the presence of all available men was required during a strong enemy counterattack, a German patrol infiltrated behind the positions of Company L, \* \* \* Infantry and threatened to destroy the company command post. Technician Westblade and two comrades, the only men left to defend the command post, engaged the hostile patrol in a fierce fire fight, in spite of the fact that the enemy were armed with automatic rifles, a rocket-launcher, and had numerical superiority. Technician Westblade and his comrades killed three of the enemy and succeeded in holding their position until the arrival of reinforcements who forced the remainder of the enemy to withdraw. The courage and initiative of Technician Westblade reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Private First Class Eugene F Atwell, 35763213, 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 28 September 1944. When enemy infiltration isolated the First Squad, First Platoon, Company B, \* \* \* Infantry, four men of the first squad were wounded. Private Atwell, an aid man working with the second and third squads, heard a call for medical aid from the first squad. With complete disregard for personal safety, and during an intense enemy artillery barrage, he maneuvered himself forward to the first squad and treated four wounded men, after which he carried each to a place of safety. Private Atwell's devotion to duty, disregard for personal safety, and loyalty to his wounded comrades, reflect credit upon his character as a soldier and upon the Medical Department of the Army. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Private First Class Freeman L Edwards, 34663899, 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 29 September 1944. When a squad of his company had been pinned down by enemy machine gun fire during a counterattack near the Forest of \* \* \*, Private Edwards voluntarily left the protection of his foxhole and, in the face of heavy enemy fire, made his way across twenty-five yards

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of open terrain to flank the hostile position. His accurate fire killed the German machine gunner and assistant gunner, put the enemy weapon out of action and enabled the squad to advance. Private Edwards' daring, initiative and disregard for personal safety reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Private First Class George Guzowski, 35160704, 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 29 September 1944. When the presence of all available troops was required during a strong enemy counterattack, a German patrol infiltrated behind the positions of Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, and threatened to destroy the company command post. Private Guzowski and two comrades, the only men left to defend the command post, engaged the hostile patrol in a fierce fire fight, in spite of the fact that the enemy were armed with automatic rifles and a rocket-launcher and had numerical superiority. Private Guzowski and his comrades killed three of the enemy and succeeded in holding their position until the arrival of reinforcements who forced the remainder of the enemy to withdraw. The courage and initiative of Private Guzowski reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Reginald A Harris, 36764860, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near \* \* \*, France, on 18 September 1944. Private Harris volunteered to go to the aid of wounded soldiers in an area subjected to heavy enemy fire of all types. Throughout the day he moved in forward areas and across exposed terrain to reach the casualties, coolly administered first aid despite the fact that he was subjected to aimed small arms fire on several occasions, and removed the wounded to covered positions from which they could be readily evacuated to the aid station. He continued his work that evening, searching the area alone in darkness. Private Harris' loyalty to his wounded comrades-in-arms reflects credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Nicholas Zalnerovich, 32884255, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States at the Forest of \* \* \*, France, on 30 September 1944. During the course of a determined German counterattack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, the forward mortar observation post where Private Zalnerovich and a comrade were on duty was threatened by enemy infiltration. Despite the danger of encirclement, the men remained at their post calling fire missions until wire communications with their command post became disrupted. Private Zalnerovich and his companion thereupon traced the line to a break, repaired it and were on their way back to the observation post when they discovered a strong German patrol which was cutting the wire. Realizing that they could not engage the enemy force in a fire fight because of its numerical superiority, the two men followed the Germans, repaired each break as soon as the enemy had cut the line, watched the patrol deploy in the woods, and managed to make their way back to their post, where they called upon their company to direct fire on the enemy group. This courageous and resourceful action was responsible for the defeat of enemy resistance in this area, and reflects credit upon Private Zalnerovich's character as a soldier. Entered military service from New York.

Private William H Little, 38566905, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States near the \* \* \*, France, on 30 September 1944. Although he suffered severe concussion by the explosion of an artillery shell during a heavy enemy barrage, Private Little, a lineman, continued to lay wire for a period of over four hours before allowing himself to be evacuated for medical treatment. Private Little's heroism and unselfish devotion to duty measurably contributed to the maintenance of vital communications during an important offensive operation, and reflect credit upon his character and training as a soldier. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private Samuel D Magoon, 36421525, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France, from 16 August to 30 September 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

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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.

Captain Harold W Bodine, 01290190, 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. Captain Bodine was at his observation post directing fire for his unit, when he observed several enemy tanks accompanied by infantry leave a wooded area about one thousand yards to his front and advance toward the town of \* \* \*, which was then the location of several battalion command posts. Leaving the comparative safety of his observation post, Captain Bodine ran over more than four hundred yards of open terrain, and despite enemy small arms fire and direct fire from enemy tanks, succeeded in reaching and alerting friendly tanks which then surprised the enemy and frustrated the counter-attack. Captain Bodine's disregard for personal safety and his devotion to duty reflect credit upon his character as an officer. Entered military service from Minnesota.

First Sergeant Alfred M Screen, 20726435, 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 29 September 1944. When the presence of all available troops was required during a strong German counterattack, an enemy patrol infiltrated behind the positions of Company L, \* \* \* Infantry, and threatened to destroy the company command post. Sergeant Screen and two comrades, the only men left to defend the command post, engaged the hostile patrol in a fierce fire fight, in spite of the fact that the enemy were armed with automatic rifles and a rocket-launcher, and had numerical superiority. Sergeant Screen and his comrades killed three of the enemy and succeeded in holding their position until the arrival of reinforcements who forced the remainder of the enemy to withdraw. The courage and initiative of Sergeant Screen reflect credit upon his character as a soldier, and upon the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

Staff Sergeant James E Bainbridge, 36426463, Field Artillery, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, near \* \* \*, France, on 18 September 1944. Sergeant Bainbridge, acting as forward observer, voluntarily accompanied an infantry patrol to an area where the enemy was engaged in building a road block. Despite heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Bainbridge remained in a position affording excellent observation, and directed artillery fire which forced the enemy to withdraw from the area. He remained at his forward position and continued to adjust fire upon the new assembly area of the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy troops. Sergeant Bainbridge was wounded by shell fragments during this operation. His courage, disregard for personal safety, and accurate fire direction, contributed to the rout of enemy forces northeast of \* \* \*. Entered military service from Illinois.

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 officers of this command:

Major Thomas W Ross, 0334206, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 9 October 1944. On the morning of 9 October, Major Ross, S-2 of \* \* \* Artillery, was assigned the mission of acting as an air observer to make front line reconnaissance near \* \* \*. Adverse weather conditions necessitated flying at an altitude of from 200 to 300 feet, and his plane was subjected to intense ground fire while over enemy lines. He remained in the air for about an hour, relaying information of enemy activities and dispositions, until the ceiling became so low that his plane was forced to return to its field at tree-top level. His outstanding performance contributed to the success of the combat operations then in progress. Entered military service from Kansas.

Second Lieutenant Charles J Fitzgerald, 01176335, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, during the period 1 to 21 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.



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IX -- AIR 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 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:

Captain William F Hesselbach, O1177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 22 September to 20 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.

X -- PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). So much of section IX, General Orders No 48, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, 29 October 1944, as pertains to Private First Class Ernest E Prough 20622619, Medical Department, is rescinded.

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